



# Michelle Lui



1. What professional designations do you have and what school and city did you attend for your lab education?

I have the MLT diploma and a Provincial Instructor Diploma and I am currently working on a Master's of Educational Leadership degree. I attended MLT classes at Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon at what is now SaskPolytech, was SIAST then. I did my practicum at Saskatoon City Hospital.

2. After you graduated and started working, what surprised you most about your profession and/or those things that continue to surprise you?

What surprises me most is how little the general public knows about what Lab Techs do!

3. Tell us about your BCSLS contributions and experiences?

My experiences with BCSLS so far have been attending the Congresses and some of the evening education talks that used to happen.

4. Describe what your current role is and what a typical day looks like for you?

My current role is in education. I teach lecture and lab classes in Transfusion at the College of New Caledonia. I am also currently in a Program Coordinator role. My day involves lots of emails, a little fun in the lab, and lots of PowerPoints. Teaching online this past year has taught me the value of YouTube!

5. What do you like most about your position?

I love teaching! It is so rewarding to see the lightbulbs come on as students learn the how and why of what Lab Techs do. It feels really good to see them connect the value of what they do to patient care and how motivated they are to do their very best. I am so proud of all of them!

6. Which career accomplishments are you most proud of?

I am really proud to be part of an awesome team at CNC. Teaching can be stressful and has often filled up my weekends and evenings, but it is worth it when you enjoy going to work each day. I will be super proud to complete my Master's credential as well, but I'm not there yet!

7. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I dabble a little in what I call Kindergarten art. I like to do crafty projects and random acrylic painting to let my brain relax. Anything from rock pets to cardboard unicorns!

8. If you could go back 20 years to visit yourself, what advice would you give?

Take care of yourself – you are worth it! Enjoy life everyday and buy the pool!

9. If you could live anywhere, where would that be?

I can't think of going anywhere other than Prince George because this is where my family is. I love it when it snows and we still get sun in the winter. A little more summer would be nice, but with global warming it's coming!

10. What is your favourite holiday/time of year and why?

I love summer, even though it isn't very long up here. I have a 10-foot backyard pool that I got a couple years ago and sitting in my floatie, chillin' in the sun with a virgin pina colada is pure bliss!