

To The BCSLS Board of Directors and Membership,

A little about me....

I enrolled in the BCIT Medical Laboratory Science Program in 2002 not knowing exactly what I was getting into but knowing I had a keen interest in the science behind the scenes of healthcare. For the first phase of my clinical practicum, I was assigned to Chilliwack General Hospital for the phlebotomy and general laboratory orientation components of the program. After having such a positive experience at CGH, I was hired on as a casual Medical Laboratory Assistant working weekends and holidays while studying at BCIT Monday through Friday. After completing my first year at BCIT, I ended up working as a casual Medical Laboratory Assistant full-time on the night shift over the summer. This experience was invaluable, as I had to put my nerves and inexperience aside, and work alone in some very challenging situations.

While in second year at BCIT I was placed at MSA hospital in Abbotsford as CGH, being a small site, had a limited testing profile and it was deemed more beneficial for me to train at a larger site. I completed my practical training at MSA Hospital and was hired as a casual Medical Laboratory Technologist after successful completion of my CSMLS certification. I worked as a casual MLT for 2 years, taking various temporary roles throughout the core lab. I eventually obtained a permanent evening/night position in 2006.

Shortly thereafter, I was successful in obtaining a full time position in biochemistry where I remained for 8 years. During my 8 years in biochemistry, I was given the opportunity to become the key operator for a new immunoassay analyzer and was able to attend training in California, which was a great experience and my first real opportunity to take on a new challenge outside of the day-to-day bench work. In 2008, I had the privilege of being part of the transition from the old MSA hospital to the new Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. It was a very exciting time and I feel very fortunate to have been able to have been part of it. With the transition to the new hospital, I was responsible for implementation and training on the new immunoassay analyzer of which I was the key operator. Over the next several years at ARH, I had the opportunity to take part in various projects and initiatives such as:

- Becoming a staff trainer for the Meditech Client Server upgrade
- Assisting with the transition to new Roche glucose meters throughout the entire site
- Leading the implementation of auto verification in biochemistry
- Leading the validation and implementation of 3 new high volume chemistry analyzers
- Becoming the POC laboratory contact point person for ARH

I also had the opportunity to take on a temporary assignment as Biochemistry Technical Coordinator for ARH. In this role, I was able to expand my knowledge of laboratory medicine beyond the bench and was inspired to further pursue other roles throughout laboratory medicine to enhance my career and overall knowledge and understanding of the field.

In 2016, I left biochemistry to become the FH East Regional Technical Coordinator for the Pre & Post Analytical Department. In this role, I was the technical resource for hospital and satellite laboratory sites in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, and Hope. This role further expanded my knowledge in the field of laboratory medicine by directing my focus to an area of the field I realized I had known so little about, the Pre and Post Analytical department. Not only was this experience invaluable in providing me a more well-rounded view of the world of laboratory medicine but having the opportunity to work at 4 sites ranging from a large hub site facility to a very small rural facility gave me a much deeper understanding and appreciation for the role we play in the healthcare system.

In 2017, I became the Laboratory Site Supervisor at Mission Memorial Hospital. Taking on this new role really allowed me to expand my knowledge of administrative side laboratory operations, especially gaining invaluable experience in the “people management” side of healthcare. During this phase of my leadership journey, not only have I learned a ton about what it takes to successfully manage people but I have also experienced a lot of personal growth and development throughout the process.

In June 2019, I became the Interim Laboratory Site Supervisor at Eagle Ridge Hospital. Although this role at Eagle Ridge was a lateral move, I was really excited to have the opportunity to join a new team, meet new people and experience working at a larger, more complex site. In addition, there are a lot of exciting projects and initiatives that I will get to participate in during my term at ERH; an upcoming ER expansion project, a partial lab renovation, and DAP accreditation, all of which will positively contribute to my growth and development as a leader.

I feel that the diversity of experience I have gained from working as a phlebotomist through to a Laboratory Site Supervisor as well as past BOD positions I have held in 2017 and 2018, make me an excellent candidate to continue on as member of the BCSLS Board of Directors in 2020. I believe my variety of experiences has given me a broad scope of knowledge in laboratory medicine and I hope to continue to expand upon that knowledge as I continue in my current role and with opportunities that may come my way in the future. I have a passion for laboratory medicine, keeping current on the latest technology and advances as well as implementing and maintaining best practices though all levels of the field. I look forward to continuing to expand my knowledge and experience in the field as well as promote our profession as an integral part of the healthcare team.

Sincerely,

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