Baystate Health

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How long have you worked at Baystate?

I have worked at Baystate for 5 years!

What did you do prior to coming to Baystate?

Prior to coming to Baystate Health, I worked at Yale Center for Clinical Investigation (YCCI) as a Clinical Research Monitor.

What are your responsibilities in your current role?

As an Education and Quality Assurance (EQA) Specialist my responsibility is to help facilitate the proper conduct of human subjects research throughout Baystate Health.

What do enjoy most about your role in the HRPP Department?

I truly enjoy speaking and engaging with our research community. My role allows me to develop and foster new relationships.

What are some of your accomplishments at Baystate?

My first year at Baystate, there were a few big projects that were started just about a month after I began. We brought on a clinical trials management system (CTMS) OnCore and completed our reaccreditation for AAHRPP. I have worked in research close to two decades, and this was my first time being involved in the process of onboarding a new system from beginning to end and working on our reaccreditations to AAHRPP. AAHRPP's accreditation lasts for 5 years, so I am happy to still be present to work on reaccreditation!

What do you like to do outside of work?

I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling to visit friends and family that live in different states and even better different countries! I love learning new things. It is an attempt at trying to keep my brain sharp and engaged! I try to learn new skills, and I am in the midst of learning to ride a motorcycle (when the weather gets nicer), learning several languages e.g., Arabic, Japanese, Korean, and the newest skill - just recently bought a 3D printer.

What is one interesting fact that we may not know about you?

Not sure if this is interesting but more of a funny story (I think 😊). I learned how to drive a manual transmission because I wanted to be on reality game show.

What else would you like to share?

As mentioned before, I enjoy visiting friends and family that live in different parts of the world. I am a solo traveler and each year on my birthday, I travel to a new country(ies) that I have not been to. I am blessed and grateful to have been to at least thirty if not more countries. This year is a big year for me and have not decided on where to go yet. So please give me suggestions on some of your favorite countries and things you have done!