

A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a yellow and white plaid shirt. The background is a solid blue color.

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SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

What first prompted your interest in your chosen academic program and future health care profession?

I was working as a certified nursing assistant when I became curious to learn more about how medicine worked "behind the scenes". I was comfortable at that point with collecting specimens and sending them to the lab, but after that I had no idea what went on as far as resulting each order. I wanted to learn more about that side of healthcare..

What has been the most impactful course you have taken? If you cannot identify one--what is a lesson or message that has stuck with you?

When I took Immunology, it was like having my eyes opened to science for the first time. I don't know what is was, but that class made so many connections for me. It helped me not only in Immunohematology but Clinical Chemistry as well. Great course!

What has been your favorite/most memorable moment in the program?

St. Vincent's clinic is wonderful experience. You get to incorporate the concepts you're learning in class into real life experiences. It encourages interprofessionalism and boosts your patient care confidence!

What advice do you have to someone who is interested in this program or someone who is just starting out in this program?

My advice would be to understand that all of the courses will connect at some point. Try to avoid temporarily memorizing and forgetting everything after an exam. (We've all done it!) Keep your notes and review them often. Notes from other courses can help you with what you're taking currently! Also, be good to yourself by making sure to take time for things you enjoy outside of school.

Why did you choose to attend the School of Health Professions at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)?

When first looking into the program, I saw that in 2017-2018, UTMB had a 100% pass rate for the ASCP Board of Certification exam. I also saw there were many different programs within the program. There is everything from getting a certificate to achieving a doctorate degree. I had also attended a wedding here in 2018 and fell in love with the island--UTMB was a no brainer!
