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SUMMARY

Dedicated and detail-oriented Medical Lab Scientist eager to contribute expertise in laboratory diagnostics at HealthQuest. With over two years of hands-on experience in high-volume clinical settings, ensured accuracy in test results essential for patient care. Leveraged advanced testing methodologies to elevate quality assurance while staying current with industry advancements. Collaborated closely with healthcare teams to interpret and communicate test findings effectively, facilitating informed decision-making. Training new staff on best practices not only streamlined workflows but also cultivated an environment focused on professional growth and excellence.

EXPERIENCE

Medical Lab Scientist

March 2026 - Present

HealthQuest

Rockford, IL

As a Medical Lab Scientist, facilitated lab operations in a fast-paced environment, directly impacting patient safety and care outcomes. Engaged daily in analyzing laboratory samples and ensuring precision throughout the testing process.

- Conducted thorough analysis of laboratory samples, guaranteeing exactness in reporting results critical for patient care.
- Implemented improved protocols that significantly reduced turnaround times, enhancing lab efficiency.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary healthcare teams, interpreting lab results and supporting diagnostics.
- Trained incoming laboratory staff on essential procedures, fostering an effective training program that improved overall team performance.
- Regularly maintained laboratory equipment and enforced strict adherence to quality control measures.
- Engaged in continuous education initiatives, further developing skills in innovative laboratory techniques.

Laboratory Technician

January 2025 - February 2026

Wellness Labs

Springfield, IL

Supported lab operations as a key member of the team, dedicating efforts towards high-quality sample analysis and compliance with regulatory guidelines.

- Participated in preparing specimens for various tests, playing a vital role in the efficiency of lab workflow.
- Documented results while ensuring all records met stringent regulatory standards.
- Collaborated with senior scientists to resolve equipment issues swiftly and efficiently.
- Cross-trained in diverse laboratory functions, enhancing operational capacity and minimizing service delays.
- Contributed significantly to a project aimed at optimizing sample processing, leading to smoother operations within the lab.
- Maintained strict health and safety protocols, safeguarding the well-being of team members and patients alike.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of Illinois, 2023
- Recipient of the Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2024

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

2025

University of Illinois GPA: 3.8

Champaign, IL

Coursework: Clinical Microbiology, Hematology, Biochemistry, Immunology

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Medical Laboratory Scientist (ASCP) 2023
- Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Laboratory Instruments:** Microscopes, Centrifuges, Analyzers
- Software Tools:** LIS, Microsoft Office, Data Analysis Software
- Safety Protocols:** OSHA Standards, CLIA Compliance, HIPAA Regulations
- Testing Methodologies:** PCR, ELISA, Blood Analysis
- Collaboration Platforms:** Slack, Teams, Zoom

- **Quality Management Systems:** ISO Standards, CAP Accreditation
- **Sample Processing Techniques:** Pre-analytical handling, Post-analytical review, Analytical validation
- **Diagnostic Proficiency:** Hematology, Microbiology, Serology
- **Regulatory Standards:** FDA Guidelines, Clinical Laboratory Standards
- **Integrated Healthcare Systems:** EHR, EMR, Patient Portals

SKILLS

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| • Laboratory Testing & Analysis | • Regulatory Compliance | • Data Management | • Critical Thinking |
| • Quality Control & Assurance | • Team Collaboration | • Troubleshooting Expertise | • Equipment Calibration |
| • Patient Care Support | • Technological Proficiency | • Workplace Safety | • Quality Improvement |
| • Laboratory Equipment Maintenance | • Clinical Diagnostics | • Specimen Preparation | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
- Volunteer at Local Health Clinics supporting community wellness initiatives

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST