Blair Mentz

I am a newly qualified Master of Medical Science graduate with a BSc (Hons) in Biological and Medical Sciences. I am keen to get involved in medical research. My prime motivator is to improve human quality of life by finding ways to better treat disease. Whilst I have limited working experience presently, I have the right qualifications. In the long term, I want to become a medical research scientist.

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Relevant Skills

Laboratory experience

- Receiving and sorting specimens
- Preparing specimens for testing and analysis
- Troubleshooting specimen related issues
- Data entry of specimen information
- Setting up, running, analysing and reporting on assays run
- Adherence to various standard operating procedures (SOP) and good clinical and laboratory practise (GCLP)

Technical skills

- Proficiency in various laboratory-related software packages as well as Microsoft Office
- Competent at handling laboratory testing and observation equipment
- Medical laboratory testing and analysis
- Accurate summarisation and reporting
- Medical laboratory quality control and assurance

Interpersonal skills

- Accustomed to working in groups during academic projects and in laboratory teams
- Liaising with external role-players and the broader community
- Ability to manage own workload within a team environment
- Active listener who asks appropriate questions
- Maintains a neutral non-personal approach to get to the root of any problems
- Capable of working calmly and methodically in all situations and inspiring others to do the same

Leadership skills

- Managing sub-projects within main research projects
- Guiding and motivating a team of junior laboratory technicians
- Troubleshooting and problem-solving
- Quality control and assurance
- Laboratory administration

Work experience

Laboratory Assistant

Jan 2020 - Aug 2021

Gai Group Incorporated - Hertfordshire

I worked as a part-time nightshift locum over weekends, on public holidays and during the Festive Season. My responsibilities included:

- Receiving sorting and preparing specimens for analysis
- Managing junior technicians on duty
- Troubleshooting and problem solving
- Analysis and reporting 5. Quality control
- Adhering to SOPs and GCLP

Education

MSc Medical Science

Sep 2019 - Jul 2021

University of Hertfordshire - Hertfordshire

BSc(Hons) Biological and Medical Sciences

Jul 2015 - Aug 2019

University of Liverpool - Liverpool

A-levels: maths (A), science (A) biology (B) - GCSEs (9)

Sep 2004 - Jul 2014

Liverpool Blue Coat Schoo - Liverpool

Skills

Customer Satisfaction	● ● ● ● ●
Conflict Resolution	● ● ● ● ●
Cash Handling	● ● ● ● ●
Multitasking	● ● ● ● ●
Creative Problem Solving	● ● ● ● ○
Organization	● ● ● ● ○
Microsoft Office Suite	● ● ● ● ○