**Nichole Birmingham**

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Second year Biomedical Science student at Aston University developing knowledge and a deeper understanding of this sector. With involvement of volunteering and work experience roles in variety of science-related settings such as laboratories, pharmacies and hospitals, now seeking an opportunity to develop professional experience in a scientific setting.

**Education**

2018-2022: **Aston University, Birmingham UK –** Biomedical Science BSc (with placement year)

* Honours degree accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) developing an understanding of how the human body functions and the treatment of disease with advanced diagnostic tools and strategies through modules including: *Cell Biology, Development and Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Molecular Pathology.*
* Achieved a first class overall in the first year of study.
* Obtained many laboratory skills and partaken in experiments such as: gel electrophoresis, PCR and flow cytometry which has developed my analytical skills by creating laboratory reports and presentations based on my findings as well as enhancing my ability to design experiments.
* Member of Aston Biology society and Aston athletic union.

2016-2018: Hamstead **Hall Academy Sixth Form, Birmingham UK**

* A levels: Biology (B), Chemistry (B) and Mathematics (B).

2011-2016: Hamstead **Hall Academy, Birmingham UK**

* 11 GCSE’s at grades A\*-A including an (A) in English and (A) in Mathematics

**Employment & Work Experience**

September 2019: **Hamstead Hall Academy** –Assistant Laboratory Technician

* Assisted Laboratory Technicians in their daily activities which entailed: preparing equipment and chemicals for science lessons, maintaining and repairing laboratory apparatus, cleaning and storing chemicals and equipment in a way that adhered to health and safety regulations and aiding in trials for experiments prior to class demonstrations.
* This demonstrated the importance of having strong organisation in order to manage workload when inundated with various requests from teachers requiring equipment.
* Maintained a meticulous approach to work to ensure the correct quantity and type of equipment was provided and also stored away.
* I honed my ability to use initiative and problem solving skills in stressful situations. For example, prioritising which staff were to receive heavily requested equipment first when there were insufficient quantities of apparatus.

November 2018 – January 2019: **Pizza Hut, Birmingham UK –** Waitress

* Temporary Christmas job which involved: taking customer orders, replenishing food supplies, handling cash and card transactions and cleaning food contact areas.
* Developed excellent customer service skills and the ability to cope with high pressure situations in a fast paced environment.
* Enhanced my communication skills when having to talk to a variety of different people

September 2017 – October 2019: **Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital –** Volunteer

* Casual volunteer communicating with patients, assisting the coordinator in the provision of activities for inpatients and aiding in refreshment distribution.
* Improved my resilience whilst interacting with those who needed help listening and to the stories they shared.

November 2017: **Gill Pharmacy, Birmingham UK –** Work experience

* A work experience role that included: dispatching medicines, handling prescriptions, serving customers and stock replenishment.
* Enhanced my attention to detail when ensuring the right medications were dispatched to each patient.
* Developed my flexible approach to work and ability to prioritise when assessing situations such as whose prescription to fill first.

**Interests & Achievements**

* Member of Aston Biology Society, attending organized events and socializing with those who share an interest in science.
* Member of Aston Athletic Union whereby I represent Aston University at the British University & Colleges Sport national competition for Hammer and Shot Putt
* Volunteer at Aston University’s Antibiotic Awareness week which involved talking to university staff and students and organizing quizzes to raise awareness of microbial resistance
* Winner of Envision 2017: Competed in the Envision Community Apprentice competition whereby I campaigned and raised awareness of domestic violence in the local area by delivering presentations to schools and creating care packages for victims.
* Completed Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh to gain an understanding of protected wildlife.
* I was a dedicated mentor for younger students in Mathematics and Sciences whilst in sixth form to ensure younger students reach their potential in science subjects.
* Afterschool supervised athletics coach: taught secondary school pupils basic techniques in a variety of athletic events by organizing and coordinating sessions.
* Member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team which involved being a voice for sixth formers, organising events to promote social inclusivity and helping younger students.

**Specific Skills**

* Proficient user of Microsoft office: Word, Excel and PowerPoint
* Full, clean driving license

**References**

References available on request.