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Biosafety Scientist

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Profile

Experienced and hardworking Microbiologist with over six years of experience working in both diagnostic and research environments. Flexible and a quick learner with a range of professional skill-sets from which to draw. Experience helping with the 2020 pandemic response.

Education

University of the West of England,

MSc Biomedical Science

2017 – 2019 | Bristol, United Kingdom

- Undertaking a project in the ability of nonculturable bacterial cells to develop resistance to chemical stress.
- Specialism in Medical Microbiology
- · Study of research and diagnostic methods

Bath Spa University, BSc Biology

2009 – 2012 | Bath, United Kingdom

- Final year project in social and antipredatory behaviour of passerine birds.
- Studied a breadth of biological topic areas including microbiology, ecology, human biology and animal behaviour.

Languages

English



Professional Experience

Public Health England, *Biosafety Scientist* 10/2019 – present | Salisbury, United Kingdom

 Microbiologically challenging filtration units and safety critical laboratory equipment to ensure that it performs against standards both British and International.

Public Health England,

Medical Laboratory Assistant

08/2018 - 10/2019 | Salisbury, United Kingdom

- Ensured samples received were assigned to the correct work stream.
- Handled the creation of patient medical records on the local computer system.
- Used the internal organizational system to store and archive samples.
- Brought forth excellent interpersonal communication skills with colleagues and hospital contacts.

Public Health England,

Healthcare Scientist Practitioner

11/2015 - 08/2018 | Salisbury, United Kingdom

- Use of complex and sensitive machinery such as PCR and MALDI-TOF
- Maintaining UKAS accredited quality standard ISO 17025
- Leading a small team of workers to ensure daily workload is carried out
- Use of standard culture, subculture, isolation and confirmation techniques
- Quality control of media

Public Health England,

Healthcare Scientist Support Worker 09/2013 – 11/2015 | Salisbury, United Kingdom

- Helping to maintain UKAS accredited quality standard ISO 17025
- Acting as part of a small team to ensure that daily workload was completed
- Use of standard culture and subculture techniques

Skills

Microsoft Office, Bruker Daltronics FlexControl, Applied Biosystems PCR, STARlims, Ubuntu Linux OS, MOLIS