

Emma Perez

Lab Technician

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Clinical lab technician with 7 years across core lab, blood bank, and microbiology. Comfortable as a bench tech and as a backup for QA documentation during inspections. Known for fast troubleshooting on Sysmex and Roche platforms.

Professional Experience

Senior Medical Lab Technician, Northgate Health System, Minneapolis, MN
2020 – Present

- Cover core lab bench (chemistry, hematology, coag, UA) across day and swing shifts in a 480-bed hospital.
- Cut analyzer downtime by 22% in 2023 by rebuilding the PM schedule and centralizing reagent lot tracking.
- Serve as blood bank backup, including issuing crossmatched units and managing emergency release packets.
- Author SOP revisions in MediaLab; pushed 14 updates through the document control queue last fiscal year.
- Mentor rotating MLT students from two community college programs each semester.

Medical Lab Technician, Iron Range Community Hospital, Hibbing, MN
2017 – 2020

- Ran a generalist bench in a 60-bed critical access hospital, often as the only tech on third shift.
- Handled STAT troponins and lactates with sub-30-minute turnaround for the ED.
- Performed gram stains and primary plating for after-hours micro specimens.
- Trained new phlebotomists on tube order, hemolysis prevention, and pediatric draw technique.

Lab Technician I, Prairie Diagnostic Group, St. Cloud, MN
2016 – 2017

- Processed 300+ outpatient specimens per shift for chemistry and immunoassay testing.
- Maintained daily QC records and ran proficiency testing samples per CAP schedule.
- Assisted with implementation of a new LIS interface for two referring clinics.

Education

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology, Saint Paul College, 2016

ASCP Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Certification, active since 2016

Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB) coursework completed through ASCP BOC self-study, 2022

Key Skills

- Sysmex XN-series hematology analyzers
- Roche cobas chemistry and immunoassay platforms

- Coagulation testing (PT, PTT, D-dimer) on Stago analyzers
- Gram stains, primary plating, and basic micro workup
- QC review, Levey-Jennings interpretation, and Westgard rules
- SOP authoring and document control in MediaLab
- Reagent lot tracking and preventive maintenance scheduling
- Blood bank: ABO/Rh, antibody screens, crossmatch, emergency release
- Urinalysis and manual microscopic review
- CAP and Joint Commission inspection readiness
- LIS systems (Epic Beaker, Sunquest) and instrument interfaces
- Training and mentoring MLT students and new hires