

Future med tech students:

I'm writing this to you to help guide you in a decision to possibly make WCA School of Medical Technology your home for the start of your lifetime career. If your reading my letter there's a good possibility you've read the other letters available to help get a better idea of what the program's about, and what it may be like so you can make a choice for yourself to go forward. I also read those letters when I went about making my choice, so let me give you a somewhat different perspective from my eyes that may help you see differently to maybe better help guide you in a decision.

When I chose to get into this program I came up from the point where my life was extremely full, I was juggling a full time college load, two part-time jobs, and a lot of sports. Of course doing this took a toll in one way or another on each of those aspects. Therefore I never was able to put full force into any of these things so I can honestly say my grades were anything short of spectacular during college. By doing this it made it very hard for people to look at me and see what kind of potential I could have and how far I could really go in a program that would need about a hundred percent dedication. But when the program started I strove to excel. I gave my time and dedication into the subject matter, showed maturity and I was able to succeed. I read all the letters previous and each one talks of how intense and difficult and everything involved in getting through this.....But let me be the first to say that if this is the career your getting into, do not look at the program as something difficult that obstructs your way to success, from the experience of someone who walked in from a "different approach", everything you gain from this year will make you who you want to become, what you want to be, and you will take everything from the year and turn it into the beginning of your lifelong career!

I am in no way saying that my year wasn't difficult, time consuming, exhausting, and very frustrating at times, but everything is done for a reason, and with the success rate of the program, you shouldn't doubt for any reason that it must be done. In order to help with your success let me give you a bit of advice that if I had to go back and do it again, I'd be extremely appreciative to have gotten into the program: Listen and take advantage of all the knowledge and experience that is accessible to you!!!, not just with the directors (Michele and Jan), but with the techs, management, and the pathology team as well. You'll never, ever be thrown off for wondering, asking questions, or being curious and with the vast information pool available, take advantage and help advance yourself by using this. It may sound like a reiteration, but trust Michele and Jan, they know what they're doing, and have reasons for everything. You may have thoughts that you've entered a "crazy house," but without the guidance and teachings they taught me, I'd never have gotten as far as I am and grown to be what I've become without listening to them. Finally, let yourself become a "family" with your class as well as the staff. Your going to be spending the next eleven months with these people so by building friendships with your class its something that'll help you grow as a person as well as give you the opportunity to add some amazing people into your life. I wouldn't for a day take back the friends I made in the program because they played an important part of my school year, and my life, and I've grown because of it.

This program was the biggest reason for my success in taking the registry and passing and becoming a medical laboratory scientist, my first step in my career. This program opens the door to a million possibilities that branch out that you can make your career, so look at this program and make the choice to take the big step in moving toward your future and what this program has to offer to you!

Best of Luck!!
Ben-Class of 2010