

Lisa Mantifel

My name is Lisa Mantifel, and I have been an MLT since 2011. Before that, I got my Hon. Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and worked in a diamond grading lab. I started my MLT career with LifeLabs, eventually ending up working in chemistry, microbiology and, my favourite, a stat core lab within an urgent care clinic in Ottawa. I moved “off the bench” in 2015, beginning this portion of my career at the Ontario Regional Blood Coordinating Network. Currently I am an Anonymizing Data Analyst in clinical trial transparency and am also completing my Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research at The Michener Institute.

What is your involvement with the CSMLS Research and Special Initiatives Department?

I was introduced to Laura Zychla (Researcher, CSMLS) by Christine Nielson at LABCON2018. I jumped at the chance to gain research experience by volunteering as a research investigator with the CSMLS. I have worked on Ethics on Demand, which is a series of articles that examine ethical dilemmas in health care that we may experience or witness in our profession. I also assist in study protocol development and environmental scans.

Why do you value your partnership and project(s) with CSMLS?

I value my partnership and projects with the CSMLS because volunteering is my way of saying thank you to the CSMLS for going beyond acting as a certifying body for us MLTs and MLAs in Canada. Being not-for-profit, it is a way I can support the CSMLS in advocating and advancing the medical laboratory profession.

How will your project(s) help the medical laboratory profession?

Ethics on Demand is a series of downloadable articles that can be used to foster discussions among MLPs on ethical dilemmas and provide a conduit to review the CSMLS Code of Ethics and CSMLS Code of Professional Conduct. Other projects I have been involved with assess the availability of preceptor training for medical laboratory science clinical placements in Canada. This is important as every student accepted to an MLT program must be guaranteed a clinical placement as part of the program, and each site must have a preceptor to coordinate the student placement.