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Laboratory Services

For years, laboratory director Kelvin McMillan has been freely advising young people to load up on science and computer classes and become a laboratory specialist.

With good reason: Medical laboratory technologist ranks among the 50 best careers in U.S. News and World Report's annual survey of high-demand careers. But more than that, scientific advance in disease detection shows up first in the laboratory.

Christa Kirby's extensive experience in the medical field has indeed rubbed off on at least one young person: Her 24-year-old daughter, Cheyenne Bartee, joined Mercy Ardmore out of college as a medical technician.

Kelvin McMillan, BSMLS, MLT(ASCP)

Laboratory Services Director

McMillan holds a bachelor's degree in medical laboratory science and certification from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He joined the hospital in 2009 and has a total of 38 years as a laboratory specialist.

"In high school I was fascinated by chemistry and looking through the microscope. I wanted to help mankind locally, immediately, and have my hands in it. God made Kelvin to fit in the laboratory," he said.

McMillan is also a highly effective blood drive leader.

In 2013, the Oklahoma Blood Institute recognized the hospital for attracting more volunteer blood donors than any other rural hospital in the region.

Christa Kirby, ASCP

She graduated from Madill High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University and is certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. "I love the small hospitals best," said Kirby, whose 18-year career in laboratory science has taken her to large hospitals in Durant and Lawton, as well as to several rural clinics and hospitals. She was laboratory director at the Tishomingo Hospital prior to joining our hospital in 2014.

She independently advises other laboratories on compliance with federal regulations.



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