

Sanford Brown College – Middleburg Heights, OH
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My name is Monica Roesel and I am a graduate of the MA program at Sanford Brown College. I graduated a little over a year ago in May, I did my extern in June, and I've been working in the field since September. I started at Sanford Brown in December of 2006. I just quit my job and I was 5 months pregnant with my daughter. I had no previous experience in the medical field. My son was also in the process of being diagnosed with autism, so that experience really inspired me to go back to school because I wanted to learn more about illnesses, disorders, and diseases in children. The scheduling flexibility was great because it allowed me to be home with my children during the day, and attend school at night. I was very fortunate to be able to stay home during the day. A lot of the students had full-time jobs during the day and then came straight to SB for another 4 hours of schooling! I really gave those people credit b/c they wanted to have a "career" not just settle for a job. They worked hard even though it was a challenge. I met some amazing people during my time at SB, instructors who were caring, experienced, HONEST, and willing to go above and beyond for their students! I loved to listen to the instructors tell stories about real life scenarios from their jobs out in the field! It just made me think that one day I would be able to tell an amazing story about how I helped save a person's life, or made a difference. Throughout the program, classmates became more like family as we worked together to get past each mod. The curriculum became more and more difficult as the time went on but it was nice to know that you had friends and study partners there to support you. I decided to really make the most of my time at SB and became a student ambassador and also enroll in the work study program. As an ambassador I tutored students, promoted student activities, organized fundraising events like raffles and bake sales, and participated in events like the Asthma and Autism walk. This gave me the opportunity to be more involved with the students and it looks GREAT on a resume. Every interview I had after graduating, I was asked about my time as an ambassador, it really POPS on a resume and it got people's attention! I worked in the student library as part as the work-study program. I helped students who didn't have the greatest computer skills, helped them with research materials, organized, filed, and upkeep the areas. It was nice b/c when I had down time, I would study, and work on homework.

As of right now, I am working at Fairview Hospital in the Pediatric ER as an emergency room tech. I never thought I could work in Pediatrics. I never thought my heart could handle it. But somehow I ended up there and I really enjoy it! I applied and interviewed before my extern, and then I was offered the job after my extern. I didn't think they would hire me due to my very little experience in the medical field but fortunately they went by my CUSTOMER SERVICE experience instead! Also, a lot of the techs in the ER were EMT's or Paramedics. They really took a chance on me and I'm so grateful b/c I really LOVE my job! I work as a tech and I also pick up shifts as the Unit Secretary. As a tech I am responsible for cleaning the patient rooms after they are discharged, transporting patients to the Pediatric Floor, stocking supplies all over the unit including the stock room, triage room, secretary supplies, IV boats for the nurses, etc. I can assist the nurses by triaging pts, getting additional vitals when needed, assist with IV and blood work set-up, I do a lot of splinting, which is temporary casts for kids who come in with broken bones, I irrigate lacerations and set up sterile fields for suturing, and assist with the suturing, I do crutch training for kids who have never used them before, clean abrasions, apply ace wraps, assist orthopedic docs with applying casts, and remove casts with cast cutters. I

also have an important role in trauma situations. When we have traumas, I am responsible for hooking up the child to the monitor, reading off vitals to the nurse and Trauma doc, cutting off clothes of pt, and running an I-Stat test on the pt-the I-Stat provides vital information that the trauma doc needs to know within minutes. My job description is never-ending but its a great experience. As a unit secretary I am responsible for placing pts in rooms, putting in STAT orders on pts, filling out necessary paperwork, making sure all orders are in correctly, calling Primary Care Physicians for the attending physician, paging doctors in emergency situations (surgery, surgical consults, ENT's, cardiac, etc.) calling and setting up transport to other hospitals, answering phone calls, etc, etc. Whatever job I am doing that day, I have to be focused, organized, and ready for anything. I've been working in the ER for about 9 months and I still learn something new everyday!