



CYDNEY WOOD

My name is Cydney Wood. I am currently a senior at Louisiana Tech University majoring in Medical Technology. I was born in Clinton, Iowa. We moved from Iowa to DeRidder. I spent the majority of my young childhood there until we moved to Crossett Arkansas. We lived there for a while and eventually ended up relocating to Ruston and I have been here since. Growing up, I enjoyed swimming and was on a swim team for most of my childhood. Being on a swim team for so long lead me to my first job as a lifeguard. I was employed as a lifeguard for Lincoln Parish Park and the City of Ruston for 2 years. My senior year of high school I started working for a local, family owned BBQ restaurant called Hot Rod BBQ and have been there ever since. The people from my job are like a second family to me. I chose to pursue Medical Technology as a career path because I value helping people as much as possible. As a Medical Technologist I will be able to help people get back to health while maintaining a behind the scenes standpoint. This is particularly important to me because I tend to be a little bit shy sometimes even though my love for people runs so deep. I am currently in my clinical rotation of my BS degree, which lasts a year. I attend clinicals at the Overton Brooks VA in Shreveport, LA. I am excited to graduate in the winter and start the next chapter of my life. I am not sure where this next chapter will lead me, but having always loved to travel, I plan on setting roots in a new place.

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"If you can dream it, you can do it." Walt Disney