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What soft skills would you like to most improve?
(multiple correct answers possible)

• Communication and networking skills
• Science journalism and communication
• Problem solving
• Adaptability
• Other (type your response in the chat window)
Tiffany Hoerter
About Me:
- Originally from Wyoming
- 1.5 years at Agilent Technologies
- 5 years at DuPont
- 4 years at AstraZeneca
- 3 years in Contract Manufacturing
- 1 year in Project Management

Current Position: Service Relationship Manager – Agilent CrossLab Group, Agilent Technologies
- Delivering world class service to our customers while focusing on cost savings with our OEM and 3rd party suppliers for Agilent Enterprise Services.
- Specialize in process development/improvement, Six Sigma, and data management

Tiffany Hoerter
Service Relationship Manager, Agilent Technologies

Education:
- Certified in Production and Inventory Management (2016)
- Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (2010, 2015)
- Trained Six Sigma Black Belt (2017)
- M.S. Chemistry, San Diego State University
- B.S. Chemistry, University of Wyoming

Volunteer Service Work:
- American Chemical Society
- Aztec Mentorship Program, San Diego State University
- Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Hockessin Montessori School
- Agilent Afterschool, Hockessin Montessori School

Interests: Photography, piano, gaming and watching my daughter play violin
According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, how many jobs does a person have from age 18 to 50?

- 1 - 4
- 5 - 7
- 8 - 10
- 11 - 14
- 15 - 20

**Answer:** B. 11 – 14

The [Bureau of Labor and Statistics Longitudinal Survey of Youth](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/youth.t15.htm) showed:

- Individuals born from 1957 to 1964 held an average of 11.9 jobs from ages 18 to 50.
- These baby boomers held an average of:
  - 5.5 jobs while ages 18 to 24
  - 4.5 jobs from ages 25 to 34
  - 2.9 jobs from ages 35 to 44
  - 1.7 jobs from ages 45 to 50
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Chemistry Training
• Scientific method
• Data collection/analysis
• Data driven decision making
• Communicating outcomes
• Cultural and diversity awareness

Transferable Skills
• All Chemistry skills are transferrable
• The skills are leveraged differently on a new problem set
• Opportunities to shine based on data utilization and driving data based outcomes

Developed Skills
• Project Management
• People Management
• Financial Acumen
• Mentee, Mentor and Sponsor relationships
• Networking

Supply Chain and Sourcing
2.5 yrs, DE

Project Manager (Biologics)
1 yr, PA

Contract Manufacturing/Technical Writing
3 yrs, WY, WI

Associate Scientist (Pharmaceuticals)
4 yrs, DE

Associate Investigator (Automotive Refinish and OLEDs)
4 yrs, DE

Chemistry Career Resources
• ACS Career Navigator
• ACS Career Consultants
  • CV/Resume review
  • Mock Interview
  • Career advice
• AAAS Careers
• Royal Society Careers

Skill Development Resources
• ACS Career Navigator
• Lynda.com
• LinkedIn Learning
• Kahn Academy (free)
• Codemy (free)
• Udacity
• Certification Programs

Networking Resources
• F2F Networking
  • Local, Regional, and National ACS meetings
  • Local seminars, social and sponsored events
• Alumni Association
• LinkedIn
Who is Matt Lasater?

**From Texas**
(86% of my life so far)

**University of Texas at Austin**
(B.S. and Ph.D.)

**Cantrell Research**
(Between undergraduate and graduate school)

**Thermo Fisher Scientific**
- Marketing for 4 years
- R&D for 4 years
- Operations for 4 years

**Edwards Lifesciences**
- Particulate Engineer for 1.5 years
  (Utah)
- Principal Chemist for 1.5 years
  (California)

**MedMen**
- Senior Director of Analytics
  (California) 0.3 years so far

**Rules to live by**

1) That’s interesting

2) Everything I know could be wrong

3) Most people are good most of the time
Would you work at a company that produced cannabis products?

• Yes, even if state and federally illegal
• Yes, if state legal but federally illegal
• Yes, if federally and state legal
• No

MedMen Career Path and Plan

Why Thermo?

The Good:
• Based in Austin, TX
• Found fantastic mentors
• Gained so much real world experience

The Bad:
• Developed GC-TOF-MS then killed it
• Manufacturing at Thermo moved overseas

Why Edwards?

The Good:
• Working with one of my mentors
• Fresh new problems to solve and skills to learn

The Bad:
• Processes stabilized and became less interesting
• Opportunities to improve analytical methods diminishing
Why MedMen?

The Good:
- Opportunity to impact new field of science
  - Analytical Chemistry
  - Process improvements galore
  - Understanding a much used but poorly researched product
- Be a better mentor

The Bad:
- Social Stigma and Legality
- High Risk
About Translation

- Translation is written and interpreting is spoken
- Being bilingual isn't enough to make you a translator or interpreter
- Professional translators work into their native language
- Translation is more than word-substitution
- You need subject-matter expertise in what you translate
- Machine translation isn't going to replace human translators anytime soon
Are you monolingual?

• Yes, but I can also speak chemistry ;)
• No, I can get by using other language(s)
• No, I can communicate professionally in more than one language
• No, I’m bilingual and bicultural
A day in the life...

- Regulatory application/warning letters
- Adhesive/coatings technical datasheets
- Standard Operating Procedures for pharma companies
- Stacks of marked up, completed batch records for pharma companies
- User manual for apparatus or large equipment
- Brochures for chemicals sold to consumers (cosmetics, paint, etc.)

A day in the life, cont.

- Patents – chemical compositions, cosmetics, packaging, nutritional supplements, photovoltaic cells
- Patent opposition procedures
- Patent litigation cases
- Hazmat plan for a chemical plant
- SOPs, forms, instructions – any quality controlled documents
- Review or book chapter
What alternative career paths are of interest to you? (multiple correct answers possible)

- Government and science policy
- Science journalism and communication
- Chemistry and the law or IP
- Consulting
- Other (type your response in the chat window)
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