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my journey into health care



Lorissa Hofrichter

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After exploring different career paths, Lorissa Hofrichter was unsure of her career journey. She had heard many positive things about Columbus Community Hospital being a great place to work, so she decided to try health care. After a couple months on the job, she can confidently say she's found a home as a buyer for the hospital's supplies, purchasing and distribution department.

"I completed beauty school right out of high school," she said. **"After that, I joined the world of insurance and found out it wasn't the industry for me. Now, I feel like I finally found my niche in health care."**

Hofrichter was born in Lörrach, Germany, and moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, when she was 12. Before joining the team at CCH in October 2021, she worked as the purchasing assistant at Trausch Dynamics in Grand Island.

"My previous position helped me learn all of the 'ins and outs' of purchasing," she said. **"I helped build processes and routines to put in place as a way to increase productivity and efficiency. That experience helped set me up for my current position."**

Hofrichter is responsible for placing daily orders, controlling inventory and building relationships with supply vendors.

"For me, every day is a little different," she said. **"In my role, I am responsible for addressing requests that come in for needed products, researching and filling requested orders, making sure inventory is up to date and monitoring orders to ensure they are on track and arrive correctly."**

While she still enjoys working with hair as a hobby, Hofrichter is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead to join a team and help others.

"I love to be part of something good, and helping people brings me joy," she said. **"I don't have a medical background, but I still feel I have a purpose by being part of a team that helps people."**

As a newer employee, Hofrichter is thankful for her support from CCH and her team.

"CCH has been great!" she said. **"My co-workers are knowledgeable, patient with me as I learn and always willing to help out. It's such a refreshing**

environment! The people are so friendly, and that makes for a positive and stress-less day."

As Hofrichter has proven, you don't need to have a health care background to find a job you are passionate about and that can make a difference.

"I had never thought about a career in health care before coming to CCH because I knew I wouldn't be a doctor or a nurse, but I have not regretted one step of this journey," she said. **"I am excited to see where it goes."**

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