

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



Paige Cook

CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Paige Cook, a seasoned health care professional, has joined the Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) surgical team. With nearly a decade of experience as a certified surgical technologist, Cook brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for patient care to the operating room. Her expertise and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of the surgical department.

After job shadowing at Columbus Community Hospital in 2012, Cook was intrigued by the fast-paced and dynamic environment of the operating room. This sparked a passion for surgical technology, leading her to pursue a career as a scrub tech.

Cook earned her certified surgical technologist certification with an Associate of Applied Science degree from Southeast Community College in March 2015. Before coming to work at CCH, she honed her skills at various health care institutions, including Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Pacific Surgery Center in Omaha, Nebraska; Boys Town National Research Hospital in Boys Town, Nebraska; Antelope Memorial

Hospital in Neligh, Nebraska; and Faith Regional Surgery Center in Norfolk, Nebraska. These experiences have prepared Cook to tackle any surgical challenge that comes her way.

Recently, Cook and her family moved back to the Columbus area. Excited to contribute to her local community, she joined the Columbus Surgery Center team in September. Cook quickly felt welcomed by her new colleagues, and she said she is eager to share her knowledge and skills with the team.

“I decided to pursue a career at CCH because I have always heard great things about the hospital and its people,” Cook says.

Cook’s duties include providing instruments for surgeons during procedures, caring for patients, cleaning and sterilizing instruments, ordering supplies and being a team player.

When she isn’t busy scrubbing in for surgery, you can find her enjoying the simple pleasures of life. **“I love spending time with my family on our farm,”** Cook said. **“We enjoy hunting, fishing and soaking up the sun on the lake. It’s a great way to unwind and recharge.”**

Cook encourages those who are interested in a career at CCH to take the leap. She emphasizes the welcoming and supportive environment at the hospital, highlighting the ease of the onboarding process and the willingness of colleagues to assist. She also stresses the personal and professional rewards of working at a community hospital.

“Just do it,” she said. **“Starting a new job is scary, but CCH has made everything so simple and welcoming. Everyone is here to help, and becoming a part of the community hospital is very rewarding!”**

To learn more about career opportunities available at Columbus Community Hospital, visit columbushosp.org/careers.