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my journey into health care



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It all started with job shadowing.

That's what led Brett Temme, BSRT (R) (ARRT) to his current position as an X-ray technician in Columbus Community Hospital's Columbus Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinic.

Temme was in high school when he job shadowed in the radiology department at Boone County Health Center in Albion.

As he was shadowing, Temme got to watch MRIs, X-rays, nuclear medicine and CT scans, but more importantly, he got to see the radiology technicians interacting with patients.

"I was immediately hooked on the field of radiology and that is why I decided to pursue a career in radiologic technology," he said. **"I knew I would be making a difference by helping people and performing very important studies for doctors."**

Temme went on to get his bachelor's degree in medical imaging from Clarkson College in Omaha. He did six months of clinical education at Nebraska Medical Center in Bellevue, did rotations at Children's Hospital in Omaha and completed his final X-ray clinical education at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Omaha.

After completing this education, Temme came to Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) to do his clinical education in MRI and CT scans.

When he finished his schooling, Temme started working for CCH in July 2017 in the radiology department. In this position, he did CT scans, MRIs and X-rays.

In October 2018, Temme moved into his current full-time position as an X-ray technician in CCH's Columbus Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinic. In this position, he takes X-rays for the clinic's orthopedic doctors, shares them with the doctors so they can review them with patients and provides CDs of the images to patients who may need them for follow-up appointments. He also calls other facilities to get X-rays from them if the clinic's doctors need them for reference.

Though at one point, Temme had considered a career in law enforcement, he's glad he decided on the field of radiology instead.

"I had a passion to help others and an interest in the medical field," he said. **"After choosing to pursue radiology, I knew that this would be a fitting career for me."**

Temme is also glad he ended up working at

CCH. He appreciates the team effort he sees at the hospital and in the health care field in general. Also, he said CCH has supported him as he pursues his career goals in MRI and CT, all while he has been learning from his coworkers.

"I have learned a lot from my coworkers and will continue to learn from them," he said. **"CCH is a great hospital. It does a lot for the community and is always striving to grow and bring the newest things to our patients in order to continue to provide quality care."**

Temme is grateful he found his place in health care and he encourages other people who are interested in the field to do what he did in high school.

"I always recommend that people job shadow to see every opportunity that a career in health care can provide," he said.

For more information on Temme or CCH's Columbus Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinic, visit www.columbushosp.org.