

# MY CREDENTIAL STORY



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While serving as an active duty U.S. Navy Corpsman, I attained my BOC Phlebotomy Technician, PBT(ASCP) credential in 2000. Back then, I drew blood for many civilian hospitals for extra money. After drawing blood and preparing laboratories for many MLS/MTs and MLTs, I was encouraged by mentors and through continuing education to continue my training. In 2002, I graduated from Thomas Nelson Community College with my Associate of Applied Science (AAS)-MLT degree then took and passed the Medical Laboratory Technician, MLT(ASCP) examination. MLT(ASCP) certification allowed me to be selected to work at the Office of the Attending Physician, U.S. Congress, where I worked as the laboratory manager for the U.S. Senate, Congress, and Supreme Court for three years. After this tour, I knew that with more education and certifications, many opportunities would become available. I went on to earn my bachelor of science in clinical laboratory science from Howard University, followed by a master's degree in healthcare administration, and a PhD in healthcare administration in 2017.

Today, I am the CEO of Metropolitan Healthcare Services, a multi-million-dollar national company that provides support services to more than 65 hospitals across the United States. Without attaining the ASCP BOC certification as a phlebotomist more than 18 years ago, none of my dreams or accomplishments would have been possible.