

MY CREDENTIAL STORY



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My story revolves around my vision to raise the standard of histotechnology in my homeland, the Philippines. With the aid of my ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) credential as an international histotechnologist, I gained the insight, knowledge, and confidence to make this dream a reality. I formed the Philippine Society for Histotechnology, a professional, nonprofit organization committed to elevating the field of histotechnology in the Philippines to international standards.

By degree, I am a clinical laboratory scientist, but my first steps to becoming a histotechnologist began at a newly-opened laboratory in a private hospital in the Philippines. Shortly after, I also had the opportunity to teach a histotechnology course in an affiliated institution. These experiences provided me a powerful drive for excellence. This passion motivated me to expand my intellectual understanding of the field that my own country could not offer due to limited educational standards and resources. I discovered that the ASCP BOC offered international certifications for general medical laboratory scientists, as well as histotechnologists.

I applied to take the exam. With no reviewers for histotechnology review courses available in my country and few Filipino HTL(ASCPⁱ) certificant to reach out to, I began my painstaking studies while continuing to work. I took the test in January 2018, and became the 59th person to pass the ASCP BOC International Histotechnologist test. Emboldened by a renewed sense of purpose, I decided to work toward advancing the educational standards of the Philippines and invited histotechnologists from around the country to join me.

We forged an alliance and built the Philippine Society for Histotechnology. Our influence has grown, along with our members. We are united in our efforts to save lives. As leader of this organization, I am steadfast in my commitment to raise the bar for histotechnology in the Philippines. When career and passion come together, the ticket to a good life becomes the ticket to change the world.