

Video Transcript

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Dr. Behan: "My name is Dr. Kris Behan and I am the department chair for Medical Lab Sciences.

Kendall Zitka: "I'm a Kendall Zitka. I'm currently in the clinical laboratory sciences program.

Dr. Behan: "...so our department really consists of just a 1 degree and it's a degree called clinical laboratory sciences, but it has many disciplines in it. So our graduates will work in a hospital laboratory - in a blood bank, for example, their microbiology lab, in a hematology lab, our clinical chemistry lab.

Kendall Zitka: "I like the fact that we are still saving lives, but we're not in the limelight. People don't really think of the laboratory, they think of other people that run the tests. You don't think when you go to the doctor, 'Who's diagnosing me? What's going on with my samples?' That's kind of behind the scenes, and I feel like we're the puzzle pieces that kind of put everything together. So I kind of like the being able to save lives kind of behind closed doors."

Dr. Behan: "Most of the people - maybe 80% of the people who are in the degree - will work in a hospital laboratory. So we're affiliated...our program is affiliated with 20 different hospitals for training, and the training hospitals hope to hire our students to work there. They could also work in a reference lab. Some of our students use this degree to prepare themselves for medical school or for PA school.

Kendall Zitka: "Class sizes are usually about 20 to 30, so your professors aren't really overwhelmed with the number of students, they're really one-on-one. If you have a question they're really quick to answer and kind of guide you in the right direction. This is definitely preparing us for our careers. Outside of what we're learning, we cover a lot of hands-on aspects in the laboratory environment, but we also have to do 29 weeks of clinical rotations, which is essentially 9 times out of 10 where you're going to get hired on. A lot of people get job offers straight out of their clinical rotations, generally with whoever they do the rotations with.

Dr. Behan: "Medical lab Sciences Department almost guarantees a job for students when they graduate. The nearest program to us the University of Central Florida, and everybody all employers call us and looking for our grads."