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How I Got Into Histology By: Stella Selvaggio



Growing up in Manhattan and walking to high school, which was nearby, I always passed New York University Medical Center and thought to myself, “I am going to work there some day”. I wasn’t sure what I was going to do there, but it was a plan...

I attended college in the Bronx and was enrolled in a Medical Technology program. I always liked science, biology, and chemistry. When I graduated, there was a job opening at NYU Medical Center. So, I applied and was accepted immediately. I started in the Dermatopathology Lab and continued to work there for more than a year. Then I transferred to the Surgical Pathology Lab and I stayed there for 14 years.

When my husband and I moved to New Jersey to raise a family, I found that there was a job opening in Histology at Somerset Medical Center (which is now called RWJ/Barnabas Health). I applied and again got the job. I spent 31 wonderful years there and retired last June 2018.

Being a Histology Technician has been a very rewarding profession for me. You feel like you’re contributing something important assisting Pathologists in diagnosing illnesses. So, my high school plan worked out very well...