

Megan Ward

• Charlotte, NC •

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

December 2020

GPA: 3.75, *magna cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Charlotte Eye Ear Nose and Throat Associates, P.A., Charlotte, NC

Surgical Coordinator and Certified Ophthalmic Assistant,

January 2023- Present

- Provided exemplary care to patients facing a variety of inherited corneal ectasias and injuries under Dr. Jeff Stetler.
- Established clinic protocols, coordinated surgeries, ordered live tissue, and communicated with insurance to determine patient coverage.
- Assisted with in-office procedures, ensuring a high standard of patient care.

Office of Undergraduate Research, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Research Scholar Intern,

May 2020–August 2020

Lab Assistant, Volunteer and Research Mentee,

August 2019- December 2020

- Conducted comprehensive research on post-translational modifications of heat shock factor 1 in yeast cells.
- Spearheaded end-to-end research during a fully funded and mentored 10-week program, enhancing understanding of heat shock protein pathways.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Winebar, Charlotte, NC

Hostess and Server

March 2018–November 2022

- Managed guest records, dining room operations, and provided an exemplary dining experience.
- Awarded Associate of the Month, October 2021.

Carolina Raptor Center, Huntersville, NC

Conservation Education Intern

May 2018–August 2018

- Supervised summer camp education programs and designed lesson plans on North Carolina ecology and wildlife conservation
- Managed activities involving live animals and children aged five to fourteen years

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

Certified Ophthalmic Assistant

International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology

February 2023

- Employed under the supervision of an ophthalmologist for 1000+ hours, able to assist in medical procedures, maintain equipment, follow appropriate clinic protocol, assist in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular diseases and disorders.

Level 1 Venomous Snake Handling Certificate

The Rattlesnake Conservancy

September 2022

- Studied venom toxicology, snakebite management, and safe handling practices for venomous reptiles.

WSET Level 1 Certification,

Wine and Spirit Education Trust

October 2022

- Educated in major winestyles of the world and food and wine pairing.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Charlotte Region

Respite Volunteer

June 2021–January 2023

- Provided relief and comfort to grieving families and terminally ill patients in home and inpatient settings.
- Assisted with non-medical tasks to support hospice personnel.

Canine and Feline Coalition, Charlotte, NC

Cat Caretaker

May 2022–August 2022

- Maintained kennels and provided care and socialization for cats of all ages and temperaments