

BRIANA KITTREDGE

Pathologists' Assistant (ASCP)^{CM}

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I am an ASCP certified Pathologists' Assistant with over 15 years of specialized experience in anatomic pathology, and over 24 years in the medical field. I perform gross examination, dissection, and processing of pathology specimens and autopsies under the supervision of a pathologist in the pathology laboratory, a role that demands independence, critical thinking, precision, and strong time management. As a self-starter and detail-oriented professional, I provide leadership within the lab and collaborate effectively with healthcare teams. I demonstrate strong clinical and diagnostic acumen, along with extensive knowledge of solid tumor pathology, ensuring pre-analytical integrity for downstream molecular testing, and educating pathology staff, residents and fellows. My understanding of hospital and clinical operations, combined with clear, effective communication across multidisciplinary teams, allows me to support patient-centered care and streamlined workflows across healthcare settings.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Pathology	Leadership	Time Management	Critical Thinking
Concept Development	Communications	Operational Efficiency	Patient Advocacy
Networking	Clinical Information Analysis	Detailed Oriented	Work Independently

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pathologists' Assistant | Phoenix Children's, Phoenix, Arizona | Jan 2019 - Present

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- Dissection of simple and complex surgical specimens
- Select tissue for frozen section analysis
- Procure tissue for additional tumor analysis including genomic testing
- Perform clinical autopsies including diening, tissue procurement for special studies, organ dissection, congenital heart disease donations, brain donations, taking photographs and radiographs, writing gross description and PAD's
- Oversees the congenital heart collection at Phoenix Children's Hospital by performing detailed specimen dissections, managing the database, and providing imaging support for cardiology publications
- Teach hands-on congenital heart disease sessions for the cardiology fellowship program
- Manage and procures heart specimens for the annual Congenital Heart Disease Lab in partnership with the Arizona State University Medical School
- Contribute to organization and workflow productivity
- Software: CoPath, Cerebro, Dragon, M*Modal Fluency Direct, SPOT Imaging, arccClinical, Sunquest Information Systems, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook Access), SharePoint, Teams, Windows OS

Pathologists' Assistant | Dignity Health at St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona | Aug 2017 - Jan 2019

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- Dissection of simple and complex surgical specimens
- Select tissue for frozen section analysis, including the use of a cryostat, and slide staining
- Tissue procurement for additional tumor analysis including molecular and genetic testing
- Gross photography
- Contribute to organization and workflow productivity
- Software: Cerner & VoiceBrook

**Pathologists' Assistant | Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Temple, Texas
June 2017 - Aug 2017, Lead Pathologists' Assistant | June 2015 - May 2017**

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- Dissection of simple and complex surgical specimens
- Select tissue for frozen section analysis, including the use of a cryostat, and slide staining
- Tissue procurement for additional tumor analysis including molecular and genetic testing
- Gross photography
- Assist in training of ancillary lab aids and grossing extenders
- Contribute to organization and workflow productivity
- Lead PA over gross room training of pathology residents, PA students and grossing assistants
- Interim Supervisor/Lead PA
- Software: Fusion Voice, PowerPath, and EPIC

Pathologists' Assistant | Clin-Path Associates, PLC, Tempe, Arizona | Aug 2011 - June 2015

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- Dissection of simple and complex surgical specimens
- Clinical autopsies including evisceration, dissection and writing the PAD and Final gross findings
- Select tissue for frozen section analysis, including the use of a cryostat, and slide staining
- Procure tissue for additional tumor analysis including molecular studies
- Gross photography
- Assist in training of ancillary lab aids and grossing extenders
- Contribute to organization and workflow productivity
- Software: CoPath/dictaphone, Fusion Voice, Novopath, Powerpath, Cerner Millennium, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, and WordPress

Obstetrics Technician & Unit Secretary on Maternity Ward | Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, Wyandotte, Michigan | 2004 - 2009

As an OB Technician on a labor and delivery unit, I provided essential support to nurses and physicians by assisting with patient care and ensuring the unit runs smoothly during all stages of childbirth.

- Assisted physicians and nurses with in-patient and out-patient surgical procedures including Cesarean sections, circumcisions, dilation and curettages
- Assisted patients with comfort care during labor and delivery
- Assisted with mom and infant "couplet" care, including patient education, monitored and assessed mother and infant vital signs, educating patients on breast feeding techniques, and additional postpartum care

- Administered hearing tests and newborn phenylketonuria (PKU) screens
- Recommended and improved organization and production of workflow for secretaries and nursing assistants
- Additional secretarial duties including charting and input of billing information
- Maintained medical supplies within surgical suite and delivery rooms

Medical Assistant for children & adults | Northwest Family Practice, Reno, Nevada | 2002 - 2003

As a medical assistant in a busy family practice, I provided essential clinical and administrative support to ensure efficient, patient-centered care across all age groups.

- Assisted physicians with out-patient surgical procedures
- Administered injections
- Measured and recorded patient vital signs
- Reviewed and recorded patient medical histories
- Preparing exam rooms
- Performed miscellaneous secretarial duties

Secretary/Receptionist, Homeless Resource Team | Community Care Services, Lincoln Park, Michigan | 2000 - 2001

- Welcoming and assisting clients at the front desk
- Managing front desk communications
- Scheduling appointments
- Maintained client medical records and chart organization
- Input medical billing data
- Assisted in relocation of clients into shelters and HUD homes
- Provided miscellaneous other secretarial and front office services

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Health Care Administration to be completed April 2027 |
University of Arizona Global Campus

Bachelor of Science in Anatomic Pathologists' Assistant | Wayne State University
Detroit, MI

Bachelor of Science in Psychology | Wayne State University | Detroit, MI

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AAPA | American Association of Pathologists' Assistants

ASCP | American College of Clinical Pathology

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

28th Annual Update on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Disease, Lake Buena Vista, FL, 2025

Marie Chevenon¹ MD MSc, Luis F. Goncalves² MD, Shipra Garg³ MD, Briana Kittredge³ 1 PA (ASCP)CM, Christopher Linblade¹ MD. Prenatally Diagnosed Ebstein Anomaly with Pulmonary Lymphangiectasia.

Common arterial trunk with pulmonary atresia. Cardiology in the Young., 2024

Loomba RS, Spicer D, Kittredge B, Anderson RH. 2024;34(11):2467-2470. doi:10.1017/S1047951124035972

Presentation: 2024 Annual AAPA Spring Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2024

Briana Kittredge, PA (ASCP)CM. You Never Know What Kids Will Grow: A Look at Uncommon Presentations of Common Pediatric Tumors.

Briana Kittredge, PA (ASCP)CM. Congenital Heart Disease: A Review of Disease and Implementation at the Grossing Bench.

Society for Pediatric Pathology's Fall Meeting, Rochester, NY 2022

S Garg¹, B Kittredge², J Bae¹. A Challenging Case of Unusual Presentation of a "Cecal Mass" in a Morbidly Obese Adolescent Girl.

Presentation: 13th Annual Fetal Cardiology Symposium, Phoenix, AZ 2022

Briana Kittredge, PA (ASCP)CM. The Pathologist Assistant Role in a Fetal Cardiology Program.

Presentation: 8th Annual AAPA Spring Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019

Briana Kittredge, PA (ASCP)CM. Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease: What it is, what it isn't and how we can reduce our exposure risks.

Poster presentation: AAPA National Conference, Indianapolis, IN, October 2010

Briana Kittredge, PA (ASCP)CM. HER-2/neu and ER/PR Receptor Statuses in Breast Cancer.