



## RedPath Integrated Pathology Intern Profile

Christine Ding



Currently pursuing her masters in biotechnology, Duquesne University graduate student Christine Ding has a passion for healthcare. In fact, she has already applied to attend dental school beginning next fall after graduating this December from DU. On campus, she is a cofounder of the Pre-Dental Society that, among other things, helps undergraduates with all the intricacies of the dental school application process. Christine is no stranger to dentistry either having worked as a dental assistant for a year before beginning graduate school. In her spare time, Christine enjoys many sports including tennis, jogging, yoga, and also tries to fit in some traveling and reading too.

Christine chose to intern at RedPath because she liked its association with healthcare and science and the fact that it was a corporation which allowed her to gain valuable experience in such an environment. As her bachelor's degree is in biology, she has been fascinated with life sciences for years. At RedPath she has had the opportunity to learn a lot more medical terminology and about a variety of cancers and biological markers. She uses her extensive science education to conduct research and summarize relevant scientific articles for specific types of cancers and biology markers in order to help provide information and validation for RedPath's doctors, laboratory technicians, and pathology methods.

Yolanda Belli, RedPath's Manager of Humans Resources describes Christine as, "a very personable quick learner and fast worker who clearly takes pride in her work producing high quality products." RedPath makes a point of hiring interns because they believe it is important for students to get valuable hands-on practical experience in a corporate work environment and it also helps them to build a solid employee pipeline. In fact, they recently hired an intern who worked for them a couple of years ago as a full time employee.

Recently moved into their newly renovated corporate offices on Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh's Strip District, RedPath is a CLIA/CAP accredited reference laboratory providing advanced molecular support for difficult oncology cases. Its services are used when standard pathology methods produce "indeterminate, atypical, equivocal and non-diagnostic specimen" results.

The Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone sponsors internships at biomedical and technology start-ups located within the zone with a goal of creating sustainable economic growth through job creation.