

Connecting to the Front Lines of Public Health.

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The Nebraska Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) has named Josh Rowland, MBA, MT(ASCP) to assume the position of State Training Coordinator. The purpose of the State Training Coordinator is to provide up-to-date information on public health laboratory testing issues and to serve as a link to laboratory personnel throughout the state, allowing NPHL to connect to what we believe are the front lines of public health. Josh takes over the State Training Coordinator position from Kathy Talmon, MT(ASCP), who has previously served in this position. Kathy will continue to serve as liaison with the CDC and will be responsible for tracking all issues and specimens that are referred to CDC laboratories.

Josh comes to us from Kearney, Nebraska, where he worked for the past six years at the Kearney Clinic as a Medical Technologist. In addition to graduating from UNMC's Medical Technology program, he also has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Josh's responsibilities will include expansion of the laboratory training program for biothreat, radiological, and chemical agents. Within the past three months Josh has already visited over 50 laboratories throughout the state and is very pleased with the reception he has been given. Please consider Josh as your advocate and representative and feel free to call or e-mail him for any issues you may have (402-559-6070, jrowland@unmc.edu).

