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**How long have you worked at Ingalls?**

I've been with Ingalls Health System for four years.

**Where did you go to school?**

I graduated from Benedictine University in Lisle with a degree in Nuclear Medical Technology. I did my nuclear medical school training at Loyola and Hines in Maywood for one year.

**Did you know much about Ingalls before coming to work here?**

I had not even heard of Ingalls, except through colleagues. I didn't even know where it was. I was living in LaGrange at that time. My boss called me and said it was a hop, skip and jump from LaGrange. It was all reverse commute too which was great. I now live in Bolingbrook and commute.



**What other factors influenced your decision?**

When I walked into the main lobby I was impressed with the first floor and the hospital in general. The care centers are nice too.

I interviewed at a few hospitals downtown and a few others and chose Ingalls. The people are very pleasant. Everyone works well together in the department too and that helps. Even the HR recruiter was great and easy to work with.

**What convinced you to work at Ingalls?**

The variety of stuff we do at Ingalls was important to me. Ingalls does the same things that a large university hospital does. It's the only hospital in the south suburbs that has PET scans. Here we do everything. That is a huge advantage for people in the south suburbs.

The staff that I met was friendly and very open to new team members. The training was great too. They were good at training how things are done here. I was the first new hire in ten years, so they were open to change and new ideas in the department.

I started out pre-med. But I chose nuclear medicine, similar to Pre Med, but not as demanding. I spend time with patients, you start IV's, etc. It gives you better patient contact as opposed to other jobs. Also, the field itself is expanding and changing and that keeps it interesting. It's important to have that experience under my belt.

I also like the variety of scans available at Ingalls, unlike other community hospitals. The learning opportunities are big and they encourage and support you in doing that.

I also think our department flows well, and people are friendly.

**Do you work at other locations besides the hospital?**

I work at the Calumet City and Tinley Park centers as well. I do PET scans at Tinley Park and general nuclear medicine at Calumet City.



**What about financial considerations?**

Ingalls is competitive with wages and benefits. When I interviewed here, it was very competitive. The first few years I was here, they did a market review to compare to other hospitals, so they take care of you to make sure you're on par with the rest of the area.

The location is convenient; it's off the highway, not too bad. I don't mind the drive, so for me it's not a bad thing.

I looked at Hinsdale and Good Sam in Downers Grove, Illinois Masonic, Rush and Hines VA.

We have a good staff in the department and it's very diverse. We have a nice mix of male and female techs, so if a patient is more comfortable with one instead of the other, they can work with who they want.

I love my job, I love what I do and I get along great with my co-workers.