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Profiles of Chemists



Gwyn Warner

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Analytical and Physical Measurements
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Education:

B.S. - Hospital Dietetics, West Virginia State College

Job Description:

Senior Laboratory Technician in Analytical and Physical Measurements

Interview:

"Most chemical technicians are up and about all day. My job just happens to find me sitting at a desk," says Gwyn Warner, a senior lab technician at Union Carbide. Warner is in charge of a huge database that tracks the physical properties for all Union Carbide products. The information in the database serves as a resource for the company's customers and provides the details for material safety data sheets (MSDS) and for shipping purposes. "Sometimes customers call me with questions," says Warner. "I either answer the questions myself, or get the answers from the scientists around me who are extremely knowledgeable."

"I like working with computers," she explains. "I was responsible for taking this database from the paper to the electronic state. I liked the challenge it presented." Warner says. "I am generally a person who likes to keep things organized and pays attention to detail. The day-to-day work may look routine, but it isn't. You have to be on the lookout for any relevant piece of information, no matter how small. My job is perfectly suited to my personality and I feel very lucky to be doing what I do."

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