

Carter (Tennessee)

Carter Beatty works as a Specimen Transporter for Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She has been working in this role since 2007. During the Pandemic, not only was she deemed essential, she actually received a promotion and inherited some additional responsibilities from the Phlebotomy lab. As a Specimen Transporter, Carter is responsible for picking up various specimens (medical instrumentation/patient samples/patient lab results) from specific labs and clinics and delivering them to the corresponding locations.



“Individuals with disabilities have served an extremely vital role ... during the pandemic. Carter is only one of many individuals with disabilities still working. These roles are vital in keeping the hospital running!”

During the pandemic, Vanderbilt University Medical Center has added extra precautions for staff working on campus. Certain doorways and entryways have been closed off, and more people are working from home. This has been a challenge for Carter because her job requires her to travel throughout campus. She has had to re-learn how to get around campus and is now required to interact with different people when picking up or dropping off specimens.

Carter’s position makes a HUGE impact for the hospital. She did this job as an Intern while participating in Project SEARCH and the Department determined that it was absolutely essential to the success and efficiency of the hospital. Therefore, this position was created for her and remains an extremely important role.