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CDC Infection Prevention Specialist Davina Campbell, MS, MPH, shares her story.

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Davina: Hi, I'm Davina Campbell. I'm an infection prevention specialist, also a microbiologist. I work with bacteria and antimicrobial resistance genes.

I do work with other STEM professionals, such as epidemiologists, medical doctors, and data scientists. We discuss the data in organisms and antimicrobial resistance genes that we detect, and we do this through meetings, conferences, and emails.

So, I didn't have a lot of opportunities to learn about public health, but I did enjoy research and working in the laboratory. So that led me to be interested in foodborne illnesses, which then I got a degree in public health, which brought me to CDC.

Public health is a growing field, and we definitely need more people involved. And every day I get to go to the laboratory, I work with bacteria, and I get to look at the resistance genes that the bacteria produced and I get to analyze my data and present to a wide variety of people. If this sounds interesting to you, please come.

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