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PHD IN ONE HEALTH

Why did you choose the University of Florida?

I have been working at the Vulpe Lab at UF CEHT since October 2015. I noticed right away that the people here are supportive and friendly. We operate as a team, collaboratively rather than competitively. I chose to continue my education at UF because of this and I am a long term resident of Gainesville. I love this town and I love UF!

What philosophy guides you in your education?

The CDC's top 10 most important public health problems are mostly lifestyle related: tobacco use, prescription drug overdose, obesity, etc. It seems that people make these poor choices knowing that there are consequences. I think this phenomenon is an important public health problem.

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science
Environmental Science
University of Phoenix

Research Interests:

- Ecotoxicology
- eDNA
- Metals/Metal toxicology
- Epidemiology
- Virology
- Technical writing
- Environmental infectious diseases

Career Goals

I intend to stay in research and mentor young researchers. I hope to have many publications under my belt, and run my own lab.