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Southwest Medical Center

How long have you worked at SWMC?

I started working for Southwest Medical Center in 2015 as a phlebotomist in the lab department. I left after giving birth to my second child in 2018. I came back in 2019 as a lab assistant and continued my education in respiratory therapy. I transferred to cardiopulmonary in 2021 as a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

Tell us a bit about your job.

I help patients who are short of breath, whether they need breathing treatments or are on life support, as well as any respiratory therapy the patient may require. I also work alongside the rest of the care team to educate patients and their families about acute and chronic respiratory conditions.

What is most rewarding about your job?

From following a patient in critical condition for days or weeks to becoming a part of the care team process is very rewarding. It feels good to know I helped the patient in a crucial state and then get to witness the patient walking out the front doors healthier.

What is one accomplishment, personal or professional, that you are most proud of & why?

My accomplishments include marrying my husband and our children. We have three boys and one girl on the way- Miguel, 8 years old; Milan, 4 years old; Mizaël, 1-year-old; and Mila, due Jan. 2023. Another personal accomplishment would have to be having two different degrees. I first graduated with my associates degree in accounting; however, after working in the lab with patients and seeing more patient care, I decided to go back for another degree and went into healthcare.



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Born & Raised:
Liberal, Kansas



Favorite Artist:
Becky G



Favorite Food:
Chicken and Sticky Rice



Favorite Hobbies:
*Crafting, organizing,
spending time with my kids.*



If you chose to stay positive in a negative situation, you win.

