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Careers in Cores

Ever wonder how one becomes the director of a core facility? Join myself and other panel members to discuss our journeys on how we landed our roles in core facilities or transitioned to industry.

Speaker Bio

Jessica is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and began her career in cell and molecular biology almost 20 years ago starting at a biotech company in Reno, NV focused on telomere biology. Her next endeavor led to the Genomic Sequencing Facility where she began as the Lab Manager in June 2010, as her role continued to grow and expand so did her responsibilities which eventually lead to the opportunity to serve as the Director. Her years of experience covers a wide range of applications, from protocol development and optimization, the many transitions in NGS platforms and preps, lab and personnel management, establishing pricing structures and policies for the facility, all the way to setting up COVID testing laboratory for the university. She is also an active member of the Association for Biomolecular Resource Facilities, a previous member and former chair of the DNA Sequencing Research Group.



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