# Apprenticeship Diaries





## What is an apprenticeship like at CARBOGEN AMCIS?

Looking from the outside in, it's hard to picture what exactly it is like to work for a company and what to expect if you were to undertake an apprenticeship. In her own words, Eveline shares her experience as an apprentice at CARBOGEN AMCIS and offers her top five pieces of advice for future apprentices.

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Period of Internship: August 2015 – August 2018
Function: Chemical Laboratory Technician

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#### What was your most memorable part of your experience and the biggest challenge you encountered?

The most memorable part of my apprenticeship was the great time I had with my fellow apprentices.

Another enjoyable moment was our LIMS Online Training Competition which we hold in our lab: the person who scored least points had to bring a cake for the whole team.

Last but not least, I find some of the syntheses I worked on together with Franz (my instructor) quite remarkable and will keep them in good memory as part of my apprenticeship!

The biggest challenge was the final exam. It is important to stay focused and determined – then it will definitely be possible to master this exam and reach good grades.

#### What was the interview process like and what qualities helped you score the apprenticeship?

In my opinion it is most important that you really do have a strong interest in chemistry. You should be able to work independently and understand the need of working very accurate and clean. These are the core characteristics that make a good lab technician.

#### How did you hear about the apprenticeship?

I saw the advertisement on a website where you can search for apprenticeships.

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#### What was it like being an apprentice at CARBOGEN AMCIS?

My time as an apprentice was great! It was a very diverse experience through and through. I was given the opportunity to work on many projects which allowed me insights into a great variety of different areas.

### What are your plans now that you've completed the apprenticeship?

I will continue to work for CARBOGEN AMCIS as a Lab Technician. Furthermore, I am planning to move into my own apartment to be more independent. In the future, after some years of work, I really would love to travel around the world and learn more languages.

### What are your top 5 tips?

- 1. Study for school!
- 2. Always be friendly!
- 3. Have fun and enjoy what you are doing!
- 4. Don't hesitate to ask questions! Your colleagues will be there to help you.
- 5. Work responsibly!

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