

# Lakshmi Subbarao

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<u>Current Employer:</u> TharSFC, a Waters Company	Lakshmi Subbarao graduated from University of Delaware in 2004 with a bachelor of science in chemistry. After graduation, she accepted a position at Advanced Materials Technology (Wilmington, DE) as a laboratory technician.
<u>Job Title:</u> Applications Chemist	During her time at Advanced Materials Technology, she developed an interest in analytical chemistry and wanted to quickly deepen her knowledge in this field by pursuing a graduate degree. After some initial research, she found that traditional programs would not suit her needs, because they did not offer focused curricula in analytical chemistry, nor did they accommodate working adults. While reading a copy of Chemical and Engineering News, Lakshmi saw an advertisement for the analytical chemistry PSM program at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), the only analytical chemistry PSM available at that time. She was pleasantly surprised that the majority of the classes focused on analytical chemistry, and all of the coursework was relevant to industry success. In June 2006, she decided to enroll at IIT. The distance learning program allowed her to continue working full-time while earning her degree. She graduated in December 2008 with a Masters in Chemistry. A month later, Lakshmi accepted a position as an applications chemist for Waters Corporation (formerly Thar Instruments) in Newark, DE. She attributes her career growth to the solid knowledge base obtained through the IIT PSM program.