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She has worked in private industry, and consulting, coordinating and developing workforce training initiatives and designing skills curriculum for major corporations both locally, nationally and internationally. Sharon is a licensed trainer of trainers and facilitator.

Sharon also has extensive experience in manufacturing workforce and sector partnership coordination, providing strategic recommendations and facilitation of two Sector Partnerships. In collaboration with economic development partners, workforce partners, education and industry creating eight manufacturing career pathways that are now being launched around the state. Building on these HCG have designed manufacturing apprenticeships in collaboration with education and industry to increase the adoption of the apprenticeship model in Oklahoma in the area of critical occupations. Sharon drives other workforce initiatives centered on manufacturing for the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance focused on work-based learning, advanced technology, supply chain and creating pipelines to employment for disadvantage populations. In addition, Harrison Consulting has conducted research for the Governors Workforce Committee on Creating Pipelines to Employment and contributed to other research focused on future skills. Skilled at quickly synthesizing information and offering creative workforce solutions, Sharon leads a team to build project plans, reports, and recommendations that organize and simplify complex ideas into actionable strategies.

She earned her Doctorate in Education from the University of Glasgow researching: What does 'Skill' mean today in Oklahoma Manufacturing? Perspectives of Key Actors: State Training Providers, Manufacturing Managers and Production Workers.