

I've been working to be a Physician's Assistant since I was 10 years old. From entering an accelerated program in middle school to being admitted in a health sciences high school, entering the medical field was always the only goal. Helping people in their most vulnerable of times, makes me feel as though there is a purpose to the job I would be doing. Becoming a physician's assistant was a journey for me to realize was the end goal, but through the trials and tribulations I have endured this became apparent. I have, sadly, been hospitalized numerous times and the care I received changed my life. My experiences not only as a consistent patient but also as a provider have allotted me a very unique perspective. In the summer of 2023, I underwent schooling to become a licensed phlebotomist. This experience gave me both patient care hours and access to first hand bedside care. Bedside care is a crucial factor in healthcare as with most jobs where human interaction is the basis. I have been volunteering in nursing homes and children's hospitals since I was a teenager, which has afforded me to work with a range of ages for patients. While I know I want to work with children now, the opportunity gave me the chance to explore other options. In college, I was the vice president of a student staff union in which we advocated for the needs of all the students across campus. Even though this was a big task to take on, we effectively got the biggest concerns of the workers met including a pay raise and parking benefits. Working as a physician's assistant let's me achieve the goal of helping those in needs during their worst moments, and even though it seems daunting, my past experiences have led me to reaching the ultimate goal. With the leadership, medical, and work opportunities I have been granted the journey seems closer to being able to be accomplished.