

## Personal Statement

Ever since I was young, I've always been fascinated by how science can enhance human health. The blend of learning the chemistry behind certain drugs and the chance to interact in healthcare was what ultimately drew me to the pharmaceutical field. Looking deeper into that path, I plan to pursue a Doctorate of Pharmacy. I am now driven to continue growing within the medical field, aiming to become a pharmacist who supports patients with dedication and clinical expertise.

After graduating from high school, I began the journey that has shaped my future in pharmacy. I am currently working on a degree in Biomedical Sciences at Old Dominion University, where I've completed courses such as biology, organic chemistry, and cell biology, a few of the many prerequisites needed for Pharmacy school. Alongside my academic work, I have already gained over a year of hands-on experience as a pharmacy technician at Walmart. This role allowed me to observe pharmacists as they counseled patients, provided medication guidance, and collaborated with other healthcare professionals. The experience not only gave me valuable insight into the pharmacy environment but also strengthened my commitment to patient-centered care.

My opportunity to interact with actual patients as a healthcare professional has been very fulfilling to my journey. These conversations showed me the significance of clear communication and genuine empathy when providing medication and guidance. In this field, I have learned more about community and how healthcare workers are a keystone to the patients. While the medical world is always changing, learning to work with patients will always stay the same.

As I continue to build on the skills and knowledge gained through my academic studies and hands-on experience, my passion for pharmacy and patient care grows stronger. After earning my undergraduate degree, I plan to apply to pharmacy school to further develop my clinical skills and understanding of pharmaceutical sciences. In the meantime, I will continue gaining experience in a pharmacy setting to better prepare myself for the challenges ahead and work toward my goal of becoming a pharmacist.