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Parallel Major

Originally, when I was accepted to Old Dominion University, I planned on striving for a degree in Nursing. After learning more about the degree and talking to nurses, I quickly found out that this was not the career path for me. I need a major that fit in with my new goals. My parallel major, or the major I am currently working towards, is Biomedical Science with a Concentration in Pre-Health. My career goals have shifted to being a Physician Assistant, so I am on track for the Early Acceptance Program here at ODU. This program allows me to have a better chance of being accepted into Eastern Virginia Medical School's PA program as long as I complete the prerequisite requirements. Many of the courses within the Biomedical Sciences major are the same as the prerequisites for the PA school. I have been keeping in contact with my College of Sciences advisors Mr. Keith Krepcho and Mr. Reneldo Randall as well as the EAP advisor Dr. Jim Bellamy.

My plan with this major is to complete the requirements for the Early Acceptance Program for the Physician Assistant program at Eastern Virginia Medical School. All the prerequisite courses for this program are already in my major or fit in perfectly since they are all math and science based. For this program, I am also required to complete a certain number of patient care hours. This will allow me to gain professional experience in this field of study to make sure I am fully invested in the PA career. I have a plan set in place to serve my community as either an Emergency Medical Technician or a Medical Assistant. With this plan in place I can better focus on the end goal and what I can do everyday to reach it.