

Personal Statement

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Every time I have a conversation with a surgeon while operating, I leave the operating room ever more inspired. Walking in, greeting the surgeon as politely as possible, and watching them operate for hours on end will always be experiences I treasure. Those first day's shadowing in the OR helped me decide that surgery truly is my passion. Since my first biology class in college and my first clinical experience at a hospital, I have strived to make medicine a daily conversation in my life.

Biology was my first small glimpse of what studying medicine would be like. I would liken it to a seed being planted that has been nurtured since that day with aspirations of becoming a medical doctor. Taking my first Biology and Pre-Med courses felt like I had started on my path to becoming a doctor and being that much closer to my dreams. Ending my first semester of being a Biomedical Sciences major and making the dean's list I felt ecstatic. Finally completing the requirements and making it to my upper-level classes is still an accomplishment for which I am grateful. I had proven to myself I had what it takes to make it this far, so I know I can go all the way. During my clinical shadowing whether it be in an operating room or an office I always find myself with more to study about medicine.

Learning new concepts that are challenging has always been fun for me. This had become apparent when I started to learn how to play chess. At first, it can seem overwhelming, so many pieces with different movement patterns and after all of that you must learn the rules of the game. Then comes the strategy which takes years of striving and studying to become proficient at. I saw this and was immediately fascinated. Learning about new strategies and moves was my favorite part of the game. This carried over to my studies especially when I had reached my Human Anatomy and Physiology class. It had been so different than any of my other Biology related courses that it was its own subject.

Anatomy was one of the first classes that made my passion for becoming an accomplished surgeon bloom. Realizing the sheer number of structures in the body that a surgeon must be familiar with including how to operate around them piqued my interest in medicine that much more. Now, in Human Anatomy and Physiology II, frequently I find myself reading into the structures I learn about, and any types of surgery associated with them.

Learning is a trait that I thoroughly enjoy. All my classes have made me research into and beyond the scope of them and I am so grateful to have that inspiration. Going into medical school and becoming a successful surgeon would be my shining tribute to this attribute I am lucky to have.