

Personal statement on PA

In the innermost recesses of my soul and mind I have maintained the conviction that the meaning of life does not reside in the abundance of material that one acquires or the duration of time that one lives, but in the desire to achieve dreams and ambitions. I have constantly believed that interest is the best teacher. All genuine pursuits are an embittered mental journey that not only demands self confidence and courage, but also the spirit of perseverance and persistence. With the increase of my age, several things have changed. However, one thing has remained unvarying, that is, my consistency in insisting on doing what I have interest in and that my endeavors shall be of value to the lives of others. These inner drives have been sources of motivating force that has infused into me the force to forge ahead uncompromisingly.

I have lived a life full of experience, which has, further, given me the motivation to thrive hard in all undertakings. I cultivated the interest in the PA Program basically from a personal philosophy that medical practice is a profession of great honor, prestige, and social service. Moreover, my interest in medicine rooted from a motivation I developed through the loss of a family member, educational experience, and diverse work in the course of my life. My experience through the last moments of my grandmother's life forged my resolve to become a PA. Moreover, observing the rural areas of Iran became a significant source of inspiration for me, which has constantly given me the energy to move on despite any obstacles.

Tehran, during my childhood days, was a difficult place to grow up as a female because of the pressure that the society put on us. The relatively small and significantly confined community in which I grew up did not, however, prevent me from having an ambition to pursue higher. On the contrary, it sowed a seed of compassion and responsibility in my vulnerable heart early in my upbringing. Witnessing how people anguished under the crushing tortures of diseases and how my grandmother suffered pains, I cherished the desire to devoting myself to the study of medicine, where I would save people's lives and end their suffering. Being a close witness to the struggle of life and death left me with a bottomless sense of human fragility.

As a way of gaining more knowledge as a Physician's Assistant, I volunteered at the Women's Center at Ohio University. Here, I acquired massive experience and my desire to work as a PA grew even more. After a two year stint at Santa Monica College where I was an Honor Student for one semester and the Vice-President of the Persian Club, I eventually realized that Environmental Occupational Health Program (EOH) at CSUN was well suited to my interest in the Physician's Assistant program. Here I had more experience with patients, and it propelled me to call upon my inner strength consistently in the course of medical endeavors. I learned to be more focused and companionate. Additionally, I was able to obtain an internship in the safety department at Kaiser Permanente. My duty was to train the staff on how to reduce risks while simultaneously increasing safety throughout the hospital environment. This was a noteworthy experience that expanded my perspective on the tasks in the hospital. I have long appreciated the saying that if I can dream it, I can achieve it. The rich experience achieved from the few years in clinical practice, has clearly defined my objective in the field. I am convinced that my dream of pursuing further studies and improving the existing technical qualifications and medical imaging shall not remain a dream.