Personal Statement: My Future As a Clinical Pharmacist

Pharmacy is a degree that combines both science and healthcare. These two elements have been the major percentage of my interest in the academic sector. Being able to complete a degree that consists of my passion would allow me to perform exceptionally well as the degree would be intriguing for me. Exploring about various drugs and its symptoms on different features of the body has caught my enthusiasm in pharmacy. The intricacy of every drug and uniqueness is mind-blowing and how it can change a patient's life upside down. Moreover, the ted-talk about the 'pharmacy of future' grasped my attention and interest towards pharmacy……

The interproffesional learning in Aston university is what grasped my attention to study pharmacy in this particular university. It is the role of a clinical pharmacist working with the general practice team that captivates me. Therefore, the interprofessional learning does not only prepare me for the degree itself but the real work life as a clinical pharmacist working with other healthcare staffs. This would fuel my experience as a pharmacist, allowing me to develop my coordination and teamwork skills as I work with in a team together to improve a patient's health.

Through the voluntary work I had completed with envision, fundraising for SIIFA fireside charity, I was able to build a firm base for my coordination and teamwork skills. I acknowledge the fact that both these skills are crucial for a pharmacist in order to cooperate and work together with co-workers. Moreover, I developed how to handle stressful situations and the ability to take important decisions. For a pharmacist, this would be an essential skill that is required as not all patient cases will be straightforward and would require important decisions to be taken in terms of prescribing appropriate medication. Pharmacists need to be cautious in prescribing a medicine for a specific diagnosis and making sure it does not negatively affect another condition within the patient. Through my one-year student ambassador experience, I gained confidence and communication skills via talking to prospective students and providing them with a warmth welcome to a new environment. Similarly, this would also be an important aspect of being a pharmacist: clearly advising the patients about their prescriptions and making them feel confident.

I perceived the world in a molecular perspective after studying chemistry in both GCSE and A level. Through the mathematical aspect in chemistry, it has enabled me to develop a good understanding of chemistry and the complex science behind it. However, pharmacy is more than the study of drugs; it utilises the ideas of biology in understanding how the drug affects the organisms and their impact on specific organs. A level biology has allowed me to understand the basis of each organs and how these drugs influence particular parts of the body. This demonstrates how the interlink of biochemistry helps to build a firm understanding of pharmacy. Examining social behaviour from a number of perspectives from A level sociology: how it originates then evolves and how people are categorised into groups according to different race, ethnicity, class and gender has helped me to view ideas from different perspectives and has made my mind more open and aware. As a pharmacist, this is an essential element as working with drugs and medicines is not the only main component pf the role but to prescribe to patients and communicating with them without any personal sociological influence, treating all patients the same and in a respectable manner.