

APPLICATION ESSAY

On my experience as a Medical Doctor who has worked outside the country for several years, I can say that this career has made me desire to learn and do something more than just dealing with patients and helping them in their health needs. More than transacting with my clients, dealing with a larger perspective in medicine would suit my personality most. Personally, interacting with a larger community is a good way of manifesting my interpersonal skills and showing my ability to lead others towards a unified goal.

Health Sector Management is a good avenue where one not only improves his covered area of task but even his own personality. When dealing with a greater number of persons, virtues such as tolerance, wit and prudence is being developed. This is one reason why this certain branch of medical management caught my attention. Also, through this area of study, I know I can learn new things which are beyond my knowledge in medicine, things which would help me not just as a health care provider but even as an individual. Through topics such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, health information technology, public policies and the like, I know that this is one good ticket to satisfying and meeting my desires in managing people and leading them towards what should be done in order to fulfill the needs of the clients.

It has been my passion in life to follow and to lead people. As a medical doctor, I know I have learned through my experiences. More than that, I believe that I have shown my ability in handling people through working in a foreign place where I dealt with clients whose personalities are beyond my grasp of experience and knowledge. Being flexible is one of the characteristics which I have learned through my job. I have always believed in the responsibility of a man to continuously expand their knowledge and seek for new skills and this I want to accomplish through extensive study of this course and application of what I would acquire.

In times when a hospital is in extreme chaos and mess, I know I could learn things which could iron it out through this course. A leader who can work under pressure and a leader who has the ability to adhere to what is best for his constituents and clients is what the sector needs and these qualities I want to develop. Aiken (2001) stated that effective leadership in hospital management produce better patient outcomes and other positive effects. Effectively handling subordinates is an important aspect of making your clients feel satisfied and contented and that is a goal I have always wanted to achieve.

I believe that every man is endowed with all the capabilities and it only depends on him to nourish, improve and make use of it. Enrolling in this Masters course is a good way of creating for myself a stimulating career which would entail the use of my abilities- both identified and unidentified.

Some medical doctors would tend to stick to their profession for the rest of their lives but for me, I would prefer to take this masteral course up so that I could be flexible in dealing with people. Being a medical doctor has helped me a lot and has contributed much to what I am now. I have acquired skills which I never thought I could learn through time. Leadership, time management, decision making and other necessary abilities- these things have indeed helped me a lot in dealing with people from all walks of life. Through this, I can achieve a higher level of understanding as to what it is like to manage a group of people who are dealing with health and sickness; life and death situations in most cases.

Taking this course would be a great challenge for me. Through this, I would be able to prove not just to others but even to myself that I have learned things through my job and that I am capable enough of managing others the way I have effectively handled myself.

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