

Dental School Application

I was just seven years old the first time crawled to the dentist's clinic. The child in me longed to have roles reversed on the dentist. I wanted to push the dentist in my chair and with a sickle, hammer, and tongs in my hand and instruct him to open his mouth so I can have my revenge.

Soon the scenario changed, in my panic and fear I waited with eyes closed in prayer but nothing happened. The antiseptic that he used was so fast that I was unaware of what had happened. It was a revelation that dentists can poke a needle in my gums without me dying in pain. After I relocated to Canada from Korea, my experiences with dentists have not been so horrifying. The same tools that once instilled fear in me, had by then started arousing my curiosity. I was so impressed by the dexterity of movement and precision of my dentist that I wanted to know more. He was not the evil bear wanting to hurt me after all. With those days of my fear and anxiety over. I started thinking I too wanted to take the tools of art in my hand. There I decided that it was the skill of the dentist and that not all dentists are tigers. The dentist in Korea was of course a bear with a face shield. I am not willing to change my opinion but this one bear did not make all the bears in the jungle. His approach was as if he knew I would pass on the message to other children one day by being an excellent dentist myself. I have the skill and motivation to be such a person.

This plan to become a dentist in future motivated me to do well in my science and study hard in all subjects. Family problems forced me to withdraw in the third year of my undergraduate studies and there was a gap of two years. However, I am now in the last year of my B.Sc. in Biology with a creditable GPA of 3.7. Awareness of the importance of grades, my natural aptitude in science, and the determination to make it to the school of

Dentistry are the reasons for my performance.

Professor Wong who is my mentor and guide convinced me that I should pursue an academic career in this field. His grip over the subject intensified my liking for my present Cellular Biology and Biochemistry courses. My aptitude and natural flair have made me seek a life long education in science. Dentistry can provide me with this opportunity. I have read that that Post-natal stem cell research, gene therapy transfer and links between oral health and systemic health) will reshape dental practice in the 21st century and that the future looks bright for dentistry and the nation's oral health in the 21st century.

After graduation I will get into intense research in this field and equip myself with relevant current developments. Hereby I would get opportunities to apply and enhance my knowledge that I have acquired in cellular biology and biochemistry. I have definite plans for my own dental practice. Children should not dread their visits to my clinic and this is one of the primary goals.

There are many people who are unaware that Oral health is very important because of its connection to other diseases They do not know that the condition of the mouth mirrors the condition of the body as a whole and that more than 90 percent of all systemic diseases are said to have oral manifestations, making the dentist to be the first health care provider in diagnosing a health problem.

In the course of my study I would equip myself in a way that enables interaction with specialists who can guide me not only regarding oral health but also overall health. I shall put this knowledge to fruitful use by conducting counseling sessions to all my patients and to the Korean and the Asian community. Immigrants have a language barrier

and this would be my productive service to them.

Regarding volunteer activities my 'charity began at home'. I did my best to help my mother especially after she had her two operations on her back. Still she works with my father for about fifteen hours in our own Gas station. I helped them, by doing all sorts of jobs, right from clerical to manual. Work at the gas station improved my stamina and taught me systematic working, paying attention to minute detail, customer interaction and interpersonal skills. Having one's own business taught its unique lesson in professionalism. I have played basket ball and volley ball in school and am good in eye coordination and quick reflexive movements. My parents' small business has motivated me to seek independence in employment and a dental profession would ideally suit my temperament, skill and aptitude.

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