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Healthcare professionals play a significant role in protecting and enhancing the health and well-being of societies through the delivery of diverse quality patient care services. Pharmacy, for instance, makes for one of the healthcare professions whose input as medication specialists ensures effective and safe administration of medicines to patients and all that are in need of medication. Besides its great contribution towards maintaining the health and overall well-being of the community, pharmacy is a discipline that offers a wide range of career development of opportunities. A doctor of pharmacy degree is a versatile program that features future possibilities in scientific research, innovation, and patient care. It also allows one the opportunity to experience interdisciplinary collaborations across different settings such as hospitals, managed care organizations, healthcare or medical learning institutions, and even the federal government. I firmly believe that pharmacy is an interesting discipline through which an individual can contribute to enhancing the health, safety, and well-being of the nation. Nevertheless, I would like to share the underlying factors behind the decision to pursue pharmacy as a career while also highlighting its correlation to my immediate and long-term goals.

The decision to pursue a career in pharmacy is founded on my desire to serve and protect my nation from domestic and external threats. The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic towards the end of 2019 posed a different type of threat to the country’s national security that limited the application of my military expertise. I still desire to be involved in the government’s sensitization and immunization campaign against the pandemic and other viral threats to the country’s health and well-being in the future. As a Doctor of Pharmacy, I would be in an excellent position to ensure the achievement of desired outcomes when faced with such threats through the effective application of the key competencies of a qualified pharmacist. It suffices, therefore, that the experience of helplessness during the pandemic coupled with the desire to assist in maintaining the country’s health and well-being played a significant role in arriving at the decision to pursue a career in pharmacy. Another reason that influenced the selection of pharmacy as a career was the desire to contribute to the enhancement of the health and well-being of my colleagues and comrades in the United States Army. Improved health and overall well-being of my fellow brothers and sisters in arms are integral to the promotion of our nation’s national security within and outside the borders. As a pharmacist, I would ensure appropriate administration of medication across the ranks of the U.S. Army and campaign for improved medication adherence. The need to overcome the issue of abuse of prescription drugs and overdependence on the same across the ranks also prompted my decision to pursue a career in pharmacy. In essence, a career in pharmacy offers an excellent platform to serve ordinary citizens and execute my military mandate to the army or the nation at large. It allows me to serve and protect the interests of my country.

A Doctor in Pharmacy degree offers a platform for the realization of my immediate professional goals of rising the ranks in the military through my input towards addressing the army’s healthcare challenges. Such an outcome would put me in an excellent position of initiating and implementing positive changes to the military healthcare system. The said changes would serve to promote the delivery of quality patient care across the military by addressing key challenges such as the wide range of medication errors within the healthcare system. My long-term professional goal is to enhance individual ability and influence towards the protection of the country’s national security against emerging threats such as the Covid-19 pandemic and other viral diseases. As a Doctor of Pharmacy, it would be easier to achieve the said outcome for the overall well-being of the country’s health and wellness. It also aligns with my sworn oath to serve and protect my country from internal and external harm.

I have good interpersonal and communication skills that make me good at establishing connections and working with people across the socio-cultural divide. Pharmacists also share the same attribute of directly working with patients from different cultural backgrounds and getting to understand their needs. The accessibility of pharmacists in inpatient, community, and ambulatory settings further allows one to contact patients directly. Thus, my passion and desire to interact and integrate with people from different cultural backgrounds would make pharmacy an exciting career experience. The availability of licensure to practice across different states further allows for the actualization of my passion for cultural integration while delivering quality patient care. Hence, it would be easier for me to understand the challenges facing fellow soldiers and veterans in the military health care system, thus initiating the development and implementation of effective interventional measures. Working directly with patients in the military healthcare system would play a significant role in the overall improvement of the quality of care based on the incorporation of the knowledge and information or data acquired from daily interactions across the different care settings. It would thus make it easier to achieve my immediate professional goal. The same approach would apply to my long-term professional goal. Establishing wide networks of direct contact with patients is essential for developing a collaborative approach toward promoting the overall well-being of the nation’s health and wellness.

My educational background provides the necessary threshold for pursuing a career in pharmacy and achieving both my immediate and long-term professional goals. I have an undergraduate degree in Homeland Security and other postgraduate courses, including a Master’s of Science in Project Engineering. The education qualifications are adequate preparations for pursuing a wide range of career opportunities within the discipline of pharmacy. It is my desire, for instance, to pursue key scientific research projects in pharmacy towards promoting the health and well-being of my fellow soldiers and comrades in the military. The postgraduate leadership course will also be integral to the sensitization campaign for the appropriate use of prescriptive and over-the-counter drugs in the military. I also intend to use my quality management and performance improvement knowledge and skills towards ensuring the development and implementation of effective healthcare interventions for identified problems across the military healthcare system. The integration of my educational qualifications with the discipline of pharmacy ensures the achievement of both my immediate and long-term goals as it also allows for extensive research and innovations in medication therapy. Such innovations would be instrumental in the development of the best medication regimens for identified health problems across the nation and provide vital information to aid in the selection of the best medicines for treating diseases. The project engineering background also equips me with the necessary skills for running nationwide programs in the field of pharmacy to protect and prepare the country from the eventualities of viral outbreaks such as the COVID-19 pandemic as part of my long-term goals.

The professional military background offers me the discipline, dedication, and commitment required to achieve my immediate and long-term professional goals through a career in pharmacy. It also offers the opportunity to achieve my immediate goal of rising up the ranks based on merit and recognition of my input towards promoting the U.S. military’s safety, health, and overall well-being. Such an outcome would make it easier to achieve the desired outcomes in the delivery of patient care within the military as a medication specialist. My professional background provides a lot of career development opportunities, including access to some of the best research institutions and a wide range of platforms to apply my knowledge and skills as a Doctor in Pharmacy. Such opportunities would include research on signs and symptoms that would indicate the possibility of biological attacks on the nation. It also avails the resources for the effective distribution of drugs and mass immunization against threats such as viral outbreaks. The military offers access to federal research grants, which are crucial to innovations in medication therapy and other inventions in healthcare. These innovations would serve to enhance the overall well-being of the nation, which would ensure the achievement of my long-term professional goal.

I firmly believe that pharmacy is the right career path for achieving my immediate and long-term professional goals while also achieving personal development goals.