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Personal Statement

I have always had an interest in the medical field but was never set on what I wanted to do. In 2012 my mom had a horrible reaction to some medication she was prescribed, and my interest in pharmacy began. I became a pharmacy technician in 2015 and started working in a retail pharmacy to learn the medications and what they were used for. I also got to experience real situations in pharmacy like the amount of people who can't afford their medications and go months without proper care. Although I caught on quickly and was able to excel, I knew if I wanted to fully understand what happened to my mom, I would have to go back to school and become a pharmacist.

I started to attend Tidewater Community College in 2023 to work towards my goal of becoming a pharmacist. The classes were tough and took discipline to finish but I successfully completed my associate's degree in 2025 with a GPA of 3.4. Now I am currently enrolled at Old Dominion University working towards my bachelor's degree majoring in Biology. I plan to finish my bachelor's degree in 2027 and apply to pharmacy schools. I do not have a specific school that I want to attend but I want to be able to have options to select from to ensure I am receiving the best education possible. After getting accepted to pharmacy school, I plan to do multiple internships to see where I want to specialize and put my focus on.

After I graduate from pharmacy school, I plan to further my education and do a pharmacy residency. It's a program where new pharmacists, and/or pharmacists in general, can train directly under pharmacists who work in specialties. The specialty I am most interested in is Hematology/Oncology. I would be a great candidate for this program because I genuinely care about the profession and want to help cure patients. My ability to adapt and learn in any environment is also another reason I would be a great candidate for this program.

In conclusion, I would be a great candidate for pharmacy school because I am passionate, and I really do enjoy the work I do. Most people look at the financial gain from it and although the pay is nice, what's important is helping people and making sure they are receiving the best and most effective treatment possible with minimal negative outcomes.