

## **Personal Statement**

I was naturally drawn to the medical field because of my early exposure to health implications faced by family members and myself. My father's Type 2 Diabetes and insulin pump was often a conversation starter, as my friends inquired about his new state of the art beeper. During my sophomore year of high school, I was diagnosed with Graves Disease, which is an autoimmune disease that leads to hyperthyroidism. As a caregiver for my Grandma, afflicted with post-polio syndrome and normal pressure hydrocephalus my passion to create and sustain outstanding health care services began to take form. The affordability and quality of health care that my family and I receive is something that I have always taken for granted, as every person should have the right to the highest standard of physical and mental health. It is my goal to make a significant contribution to the health of citizens in my community through effective management, clinical operations, and delivery of health care services.

My aspirations of entering the medical field came to a screeching halt when I realized that biology was neither something I enjoyed or was good at. Although my short stint in biology would not lead to a career in cancer cures, I went back to the drawing board and decided that I do not have to sacrifice my passion of providing quality and affordable healthcare to all citizens. While I remain committed to the promise of science, I have come to realize that I am far more invigorated by the questions of politics and public policy issues facing our health care sector.

My education focusing on health administration and public policy and work experience with special populations will enable me to be successful in managing the integration of new health care delivery systems, technological innovations, restructuring of work and budgets, and the increased focus on preventative care. I intend to earn a Masters degree in Health Administration, which I will use as a springboard and background to develop and expand programs for scientific research, preventative medicine, medical and vocational rehabilitation, and community health and welfare at a health care institution. Having lived and studied in Wisconsin, I am accustomed to a robust system that grants equal access to health care and health-related services to its users. Everyone is entitled to the highest standard of physical and mental wellbeing, and I look forward to working in an environment, which allows me to create and sustain outstanding health care services in a rapidly changing industry. As a health care administrator, I will be committed to improving efficiency in health care facilities and the quality of the care provided in my organization.

My interest in health policy and social welfare policy is dominated by the integration of new health care delivery systems, technological innovations, restructuring of work and policy demands greater involvement in deciding how our knowledge is used. I want to take part in deciding how we as society deal with providing the best quality of care for all citizens. I've accepted that anyone interested in success has to learn to view failure as a healthy, inevitable part of the process of getting to the top. Surrendering to biology was just one failure that enlarged my spirit and provided me the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.