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Did you already know what you were going to do? Well, it's very normal to have doubts. Usually, we believe that choosing an unwanted career can be distressing and disappointing for some. In my case, to be honest, I still didn't know what I liked when I was in 9th grade, and I was very afraid of finishing high school without a clear idea of what I was going to dedicate myself to.

From a very early age, I was very inquisitive. I loved searching for news about outer space, technology, and more. However, I always ended up reading or watching documentaries about disasters, whether natural or man-made. And yes, I know what you're thinking, what is a child of 5 years or older doing watching documentaries about events like 9/11 or similar things? And yes, it's strange even for me. However, I can say that watching that kind of content caused me many emotions, both sadness and hope and heroism. It turns out that all that fascination with watching those documentaries was to admire the people who risked their lives to save others.

In my adolescence, I always considered myself very kind and willing to help others. And without realizing it, I was always involved in the first aid brigade of all my schools. However, at that time, I never thought about the possibility of studying medicine. It was something that didn't even fit in my mind. Medicine? Yes, medicine! It's crazy.

When I began to realize that unconsciously I always tried to relate to health topics or help others, I began to see it as a possibility. Obviously, doubts and anguish arrived. I don't want to make a mistake! Medicine is a very long and difficult career. That's what I was always thinking. The anguish was so much that I discarded it completely.

When I arrived in NYC in my Freshman year of high school, I remember it was at the end of January 2020, just 1 month before the pandemic. Although I spent that month going to school, I felt that more time had passed. My biology teacher is the one I remember the most because she is the best teacher I have ever had. Overnight, my understanding of biology became quite good. Each time, I fell more in love with the subject, and my curiosity about medicine began to awaken again. The topics we covered that month were mostly about sexual and asexual reproduction in humans and cells, DNA, and finally, just a week before COVID started, we studied antibodies, viruses, and bacteria. Something that blew my mind. It turns out that when COVID started, I already knew how the body worked and how it created antibodies for its protection. In addition to that, I also knew how vaccines worked and what effects they brought with them. So after that class, I took it very seriously, to the point of seeing myself as an expert in health.

The arrival of COVID was very tough for everyone, and while everyone thought about staying safe at home, all I wanted to do was help. During COVID, I felt an increasingly strong attraction to medicine. That's how, at 17, I decided to look for a job where I could ease the burden on healthcare professionals. Fortunately, and to my luck, I joined a company responsible for collecting COVID tests. And for what, I can say it was the best job of my life. Although I risked my health, my only satisfaction was that I was contributing a grain of sand, and that was what really mattered to me. For those who have to study medicine, whatever happens, whether you study it or not, the years will pass, and it's something we can't avoid. If you really feel that you like medicine, think that medicine is going to be a way of living your life. More than a job, it's living in the service of people and science.

My desire to help people, to rescue them, to contribute something to humanity, also with the help of a good biology teacher and the arrival of COVID-19, showed me the path that my subconscious was telling me. And of course, I know it's difficult. However, I accept the challenge and will give my full commitment to good learning. Nowadays, I applied for Nursing since the American system requires a BS to study medicine. I have decided to study Nursing BS to learn more about how the hospital system works, what it's like to be in the shoes of nurses, and to be a good companion.

My best experience in health has been when I enrolled to study phlebotomy and EKG. So far, they are my only certifications. And it is worth noting that enrolling in that program after high school was my best decision. So far, I am waiting for the city exam to be able to work in a clinic or hospital as a Medical Assistant or something more specialized like a phlebotomist or electrocardiography. Honestly, the one I liked the most was EKG since it was based on the study of the heart's rhythm and how to interpret it on paper with the cardiac reading. There I learned how to detect a heart attack, what types of heart attacks and pre-heart attacks exist, some heart anomalies, and also learned how to calculate the heart rate in the EKG and how to detect at what angle the heart is inclined.

As I progress on my path to medicine, every day I reaffirm my decision to pursue this career. My experience in collecting COVID tests taught me that my desire to help others and my fascination with medical science are impulses that I cannot ignore. The pandemic was not only a challenge but also an opportunity to demonstrate my commitment to public health and community service.

Now, with my decision to study nursing, I am excited to learn more about the hospital system and acquire practical skills that allow me to contribute significantly. I know this path will not be easy, but I am willing to accept the challenge and dedicate my life to the care of others.

My experience as a phlebotomy and EKG student has been rewarding, and I am eager to apply that knowledge in a clinical setting. The interpretation of cardiac readings and the detection of anomalies in heart rhythm have shown me the importance of precision and attention in the field of health.

As I await the city exam and the opportunity to work as a Medical Assistant, phlebotomist, or electrocardiography, I reflect on the journey that has brought me here. Each step has been an investment in my professional and personal development. Looking to the future, I envision a career dedicated to service, compassion, and the ongoing pursuit of medical knowledge.

In summary, my journey so far has been a journey of personal discovery and growth. Through experiences, I have found my passion for medicine and my commitment to the well-being of others. I am excited about what the future holds for me, and I am ready to face the challenges that medicine may present. With determination and dedication, I am confident that I can make a significant difference in the field of health and contribute to the well-being of society.