
My Motivation To Study Medical/Health Administration

I registered to study under this program since I am aiming for career transition from Direct Patient Care to Medical Administrative duties. I had been working as a Staff Nurse for the last 7 years and wishes to change my career path and this program will allow me to shift from doing the bedside care and moving to Medical/Health Administration.

Working with in-patients has been exciting and fulfilling, yet it demands a lot of time in the bedside and it became quite exhausting. In my past experiences, we don't only provide nursing care and perform nursing procedures but also clerical jobs such as transcribing doctor's order, following up laboratory results and imaging reports, and coordinating with other departments and I have grown interest in performing the administrative posts more than bedside care. My nurse managers even remarked that I have confidence on my judgments with excellent performance whenever I'm being assigned to do the above tasks. This led me to decide to pursue formal education for this path and fortunately came across to the most precise career program that fits my interests, values and abilities – Hospital Unit Clerk, a one (1) year Certificate program being offered in Bow Valley College. This college offers high-quality education yet affordable and fast-tracked programs; therefore, it will allow me to complete the certificate in 10-12 months of continuous full-time study including the practicum component. The program will train me to work with healthcare-related software and applications used to schedule appointments, prepare reports, invoices, financial statements and medical records, as well as learn how to prioritize, process, coordinate and perform necessary follow-up actions. This program will also teach me to communicate and function effectively in a fast-paced environment.

The Philippines are upgrading and progressing to more advanced technology. There had been recent studies of Hospital Information System (HIS) and how it affects the overall healthcare system in the country. Hospitals and clinics nowadays are starting to adapt to electronic-based patient records and because of this, Unit Clerks with background in Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software will become in-demand and to qualify in higher position under Medical Administration, one must have knowledge in navigating HIS as a super-user. There is still no comparable program in my country (Trainings are only limited to those who are currently in the position) so I will greatly benefit if I have gained Certification by studying in a college where HIS is a part of the curriculum and being located in the province of Alberta – which is Canada's leader in the EMR system. I preferred Canada over any other countries not only because of its affordable high-quality education but also, it has the most accepting societies in the world. Studying in Canada will gain me first-hand experience with its rich cultural diversity, which is an additional asset when applying in my country since The Philippines accommodates thousands

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of tourist across the globe yearly and seeking health care while they're on tour is a possibility.

By obtaining this certification, the knowledge I will possess would be invaluable, as I will develop exceptional Unit Coordinating Skills, a course incorporated in the program. Moreover, this will help me effectively multitask and improve my organizational and time management skills, which are the core qualifications of a Nurse in an Administrative area.

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