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Dream Job

My dream job has been many different things over the past several years. Just a few months ago my dream was being a greenhouse manager and business owner. Just a few weeks ago my dream was to go to graduate school and receive my Ph.D. in the field of horticulture. As of a few days ago my dream job is now to attend pharmacy school and specialize in nuclear pharmacy. The name makes the profession sound more complicated than it actually is.

A pharmacist who specializes in radiopharmacy, another word for nuclear pharmacy, prepares radioactive dyes that are to be administered to patients in order to allow doctors to receive images from radiation present inside a patient's body. These dyes are sometimes called "tracers" and can be used to image virtually any part of a patient's body. I have known about this kind of procedure for years now as my brother is currently attending pharmacy school and my sister's boyfriend is a doctor and they tend to discuss different aspects of the medical field, but I have never considered going into the medical field myself until recently. I had originally wanted to receive a Ph.D. in a field such as horticulture but then I realized that I would love to attend pharmacy school and have a profession in the field. Pharmacy school had in the past been a three-year program, but as of today it is a four-year program. In order to specialize in something as specific as nuclear pharmacy I would also have to complete a two-year residency upon completing pharmacy school.

My current focus is getting into pharmacy school, preferably here at A&M. The PCAT is the entrance exam for students wanting to attend pharmacy school and it tests on four different sections. Biology, Chemistry, Critical Reading and Quantitative Thinking. I plan to use the next several months to study in order to properly prepare for the PCAT in order to be accepted. My dream is to be a nuclear pharmacist as I have always been fascinated with the idea of working in a hospital and working with different chemical and radioactive solutions. This is also the reason I hope to be a radiopharmacist as opposed to a typical pharmacist, because their jobs are less structured and work interesting hours such as in the middle of the night instead of a typical 8-5 workday. Although people who complete pharmacy school are still considered “doctors”, their day to day profession differs with that of a typical doctor and I feel that being a pharmacist would be an exciting and fulfilling job.

Money has never influenced what I wanted to do for a profession. I have always been more concerned with me finding what I do interesting and worthwhile and I feel that this job satisfies both of those things. Although this idea is relatively new I know for a fact that continuing my education is my number one priority. No matter what I end up doing I plan to continue going to school for the next 2-4 years at the very least. Most people tend to complain about wanting to finish school already but I plan to continue it for as long as I can.