

PHARMD SPOTLIGHT



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1. At what point in your undergraduate education did you realize you wanted to attend pharmacy school, and why did you choose a PharmD instead of another advanced degree?

During undergrad, I found a strong interest in the role of pharmacist as it offered a unique blend of medicine, science, and patient interaction. By pursuing pharmacy, I knew I would gain specialized knowledge in medications, their effects, and how to ensure their safe and effective use. I found the profession to be versatile with various career paths, ranging from community pharmacy to research, clinical practice, and even industry roles. It is vital to follow your passion and choose a degree that aligns with your interests and goals. It's an exciting path that can open doors to meaningful opportunities in the healthcare industry.

2. What do you enjoy most about the company that you work for?

I truly enjoy being a part of Abbott Diabetes Care due to several key factors that make it a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Firstly, the company's emphasis on leading projects of self-interest allows me to pursue my passions within the diabetes care field, giving me a sense of purpose and personal growth. Additionally, Abbott fosters a family-oriented and motivated team environment, where collaboration and support are valued. This creates a positive work atmosphere that enhances productivity and job satisfaction. Moreover, I appreciate the hybrid opportunity that the company offers, allowing me to engage in speaking engagements and travel field opportunities, which not only expand my professional network but also expose me to different perspectives and experiences. Lastly, the direct exposure to Medical Science Liaisons at Abbott has been invaluable, providing me with unique insights into the field and fostering my professional development.

3. What aspects of the pharmaceutical industry initially caught your interest during pharmacy school and pushed you to become so passionate about this career path

During my time in pharmacy school, I developed a strong interest in the pharmaceutical industry for several reasons. Firstly, the industry offers immense potential for growth and career advancement, allowing me to continuously expand my knowledge and skills. Moreover, the wide variety of positions available in different functional areas, such as research and development, regulatory affairs, marketing, and medical affairs, provided me with diverse career options. The ability to work directly for drug or medical device companies at a corporate level was particularly appealing, as it allows for involvement in the entire lifecycle of pharmaceutical products. Lastly, the industry's opportunities for field and speaking engagements present exciting prospects for networking, professional development, and making a broader impact within the healthcare community.

