

The paper "My Education Life" is a good example of an education essay. Education usually serves as the foundation of developing desired societal change and virtuous individuals. My education life has embraced two learning scenarios: formal and informal. Informal learning began when my mother showed me how to use toilet accessories while formal learning began when I was taken to daycare since my parents were both employed and could not afford nanny expenses. From this tender age, I knew that the importance of learning was to inculcate forms of proper conduct, gain knowledge and acquire technical competency. Thus, personally, education has helped me develop social, mental and physical values. However, formally I did not achieve a GCSE because the extent of bullying that was in our school made it impossible.

Studying the Access to Health and Social Care course at college has been both enjoyable and intriguing. In particular, I was fascinated by researching the relationship between mental health and social issues as part of the mental health and sociology modules. Studying biology and human physiology has also developed my lab skills and expanded my knowledge of anatomy. I found, at first, that returning to college was a challenge, which has helped to manage my time better. Combining a full-time college course with a part-time job has necessitated great organizational and time management skills. The course has required me to develop my research and independent study skills and equipped me with a sound knowledge of how biological, psychological and social factors contribute to a person's health and well-being thus exemplifying my learning process. Being at college has also meant that I have had the opportunity to meet new people with a shared interest and to make new friends. I am a naturally friendly person with a good sense of humor and from my experiences feel that these are vital qualities to possess when expanding my educational requirements.

My education life and experience are diverse. I have learnt many important lessons from the many companies especially in accountancy that I have worked with. However, profound learning is attending to my sick mother. Since a young age, I witnessed my mentally ill mother being cared for by nursing staff. It is from the experiences, which came of this, and my own personal experience of caring for her that my passion to study the Adult nursing diploma developed. I am a naturally caring person and experiencing the nursing staff looking after my chronically ill mother and supporting my family during periods of hospitalization, whilst utilizing compassion and professionalism, inspired me to want to do the same for others. This has been my driving force for a long period and hoped that I will be able to translate nursing staff care of my mother to other people requiring medical assistance.

Thus, from caring for my mother, I have grown interested in the medical fraternity, especially societal nursing. I have been able to exhibit some of the skills required as a nurse through part-time work as a support worker for people with learning disabilities. Caring for people when they are at their most vulnerable has opened my eyes to the importance of a caring nature. Whether it is within their own homes or in registered accommodation, being a support worker has been an excellent opportunity to help improve the quality of life of others. My role has involved a full range of support from assisting with personal care right through to various enrichment and leisure activities. This part of my job is extremely rewarding, as it is clear that it makes such a difference to the lives involved. Having helped people to regain their independence, dignity and health have been both challenging and extremely rewarding. Helping people like this has only intensified my commitment to a lifelong career in nursing. Moreover, the experience and exposure to patients have improved qualities and values that a caretaker should possess, which includes leadership, interpersonal relationship and service provision.

When I joined college, I was exposed to a completely different environment and surroundings of both the instructors and students. Compared to my life in school especially bullying, college life champions freedom of thought, freedom to accomplish tasks and personal perception towards fulfilling given requirements without peer pressure or deterrents from other students. A college is a comfortable place that doubled up with my prior experiences as motivated me to explore nursing in improving the conditions of many people.

As explained by Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs theory in relation to motivation; motivation is sanctioned by unsatisfied needs, which are crucial for the success of a given duty or employee. Maslow developed a model that brought forth low-level and higher-level needs that are pursued. The five levels of needs are physiological, safety, social, esteem and self-actualization. The lower-level requirements of the motivational model e.g. physiological needs should be fulfilled before satisfying higher-level needs e.g. self-actualization. This model has played a major role in helping me to better understand and go-about my study requirements. I was made redundant in 2008, my mother's condition and spouse's accident complication was the basis that made me return to college to pursue and advance nursing studies. In college, I received most of the requirements and components in the Maslow model, which have helped me to appreciate my education and learning time at the college.

My college life has made me appreciate education and learning through the development of personal anatomy and social interaction. Education life in college and the knowledge and learning that I have gone through has inspired

me to advance my nursing education. In fact, in March 2010, I shall start an adult nursing diploma at the University of Central Lancashire.