

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

As an intern at a dental hospital, there were a few mind-boggling cases I have had the opportunity to be a privy to. One of them was that of a teenage boy with mal-aligned teeth and a broken tooth. He needed dental rehabilitation. The other was that of a thirty year old woman, with missing teeth, owing to motor vehicle accident. The image of the same patients with confident smiles and gratitude after having received specific treatments was imprinted on my mind. It made me want to improve my clinical skills so that I could provide optimum results for my patients and I decided to opt for fellowships in dental aesthetics and dental implants.

There have been numerous teaching moments at dental school, as far as patient communication is concerned. At times, rendering a particular treatment turned out to be sufficiently startling, especially when it came to children. I realized that having thorough knowledge of myriad treatment options could amply aid me in serving my patient's interests the best possible way. Convincing the patient and their families to accept a particular regimen and following it up, can be both testing and rewarding. I intend to further my communication skills- both professional and clinical via the dental programs chosen.

As a growing dental surgeon, I aspire to be able to realistically apply the concepts I acquire to plan and treat more challenging cases. Working either independently or with an esteemed multi-speciality team in the program would allow me to hone my communication and clinical skills. I would largely benefit from all the study materials and state of the art infrastructure that the course would provide. I am therefore looking forward to learning the most recent patient-oriented techniques so that they could be proficiently applied in my professional life, as a doctor, clinician and most importantly, a humanitarian.