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College education has helped many individuals achieve their goals in life. Numerous individuals struggle from jobs to jobs to reach where they want, while others do not do anything at all. After college, it is one's initiative to know what's next that is usually looking for employment opportunities that fit your college education or any job to keep an individual busy while still looking for employment opportunities according to their college education. However, it is hard these days to find a job based on what an individual has studied in college. Organizations or facilities take long before announcing employment opportunities, and when they do, many individuals apply, and the probability of one getting the job is closer to none. Nevertheless, many individuals have gained the positions of their dreams or those that correspond with what they have studied in college. This helps them to practice the theories and knowledge they gathered from class and internships in their actual job.

My college education has helped me achieve my goal of becoming a clinical perfusionist. A clinical perfusionist operates a heart-lung machine when surgery is being done on a patient. My job is to run this machine and to ensure that oxygenated blood is flowing via the body and heart of the patient while being operated on by a surgeon. Also, I monitor the patient to ensure that his or her body temperature is consistent. For me to get here, at this point in getting a job as a clinical perfusionist was not a walk in the park. This career requires determination and focus, as well and studying hard since it is all about saving a person's life in the theatre. It is also not for the faint-hearted because it is more intense than anyone may think. We are highly trained to help surgeons who specify in cardiovascular surgery. However, we can also help in an operation that requires cardiopulmonary bypass through maintaining the vital signs of the patient during

surgery. This may include emergency trauma cases, correcting heart defects and chemotherapy treatments (Bauer et al., 2020).

College education has trained me well practically and acquired me with the knowledge that helps me until now, even though not everything a person learns in class is applied in the surgery room. The thing that has helped me the most while studying for this profession is experience gotten from the practicums that I have done in healthcare facilities. I have met with experienced perfusionists who have guided me on how to go about the machine and other activities that are required of me during the procedure. At first, it is hard, and one becomes nervous because the reality has hit you and you are in the procedure room, with a surgeon, and there is a patient who is being operated on. Hence, experience has made me have steady hands and control my nerves which enables me to work with a clear mind.

Training for this career needs an individual to be committed to the education and the practices which are necessary. Also, an individual needs to have a passion for pursuing this career because without passion, it would be hard to capture the most important things that are supposed to be done. As said before, the training is hard and required determination, focus and studying hard. One has to pay attention to even the small details not to miss anything that could lead to the patient's condition worsen during the procedure. Hence, being careful and attentive is the most important thing that an aspiring perfusionist needs to have and keep in mind. During my college education, I covered a lot of topics that helped me gain the knowledge I need on several topics such as heart surgery, heart-lung bypass for neonates, pediatric and adult patients, using heart-lung machine for a long-term purpose, autotransfusion and how to monitor patients who use the heart-lung devices.

Also, my college education has helped me be experienced because of the experimental learning that I did which prepared me to respond to different situations that can happen in the procedure room and seeing the patients' problems during the procedure. The training and education will enable me to achieve my long term goal of being a perfusion educator when I choose to pursue additional education. But right now, I must experience whatever I was taught and trained. Being in this profession has helped to see the importance of life and living it while we can because it is short and vulnerable. Many individuals, especially children with heart conditions, do not get to experience life the way they want to because they are fragile, and one mistake can lead them back to the operating table. This profession has taught me always to be grateful for the good health that we have because there are people who strive to have good health, but they cannot.

Education has contributed to who I am today since I get to help save patient's lives. Without a college education, I would not have learned anything that I know now, and I would not have played a part in saving countless lives in the operating room. All the skills that I have by being a clinical perfusionist are contributed by education and the instructors that have hugely played a part in getting to where I am. Education is the key to becoming a certified clinical perfusionist, including determination, hard work and focus since it involves saving people's lives which is very crucial in my line of work.

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