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Why study Pharmacy?

I chose Pharmacy because I wanted to discover and learn the mysteries behind how medicines work and interact with the human body. If you have the love for chemistry and its effects on the human body, join Pharmacy and learn more about medicines and its uses!

What interests you most in your studies?

Definitely the clinical practice of drugs! I love the challenge that is required of pharmacists when deciding the right medications for our patients. You need to piece together the information about your patient and advise on the best course of medication to ensure effective treatments for your patient. It is interesting because there are so many things to consider, such as the profile of the drug, appropriateness of the drug's mechanism of action and any potential dangerous side effects. For example, drugs that can cause drowsiness are not recommended for the elderly since they may be more prone to falls.

Apart from academic lessons, what other programmes did you participate in? And how did the experience(s) benefit you in your (a) personal growth and development, and (b) academic pursuits?

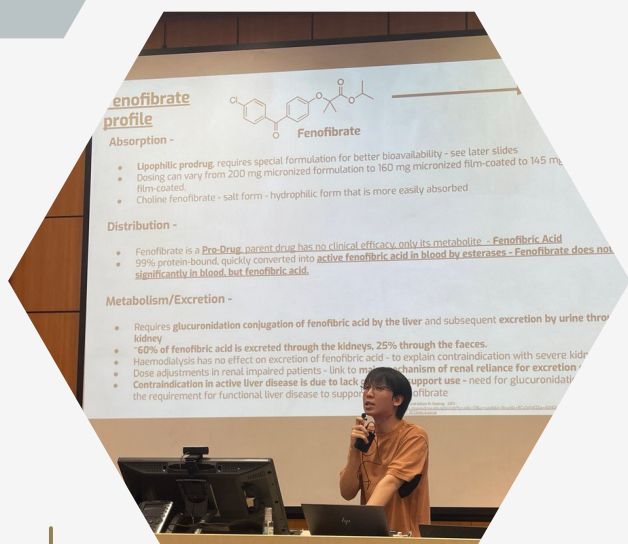
I was honoured to be a Student Ambassador for a pioneer public speaking programme - Comms Lab, organised by NUS Career Advisory Group. Over the 6 weeks, we practised speaking in front of a large audience and learned useful networking skills, such as the right timing to enter a conversation, asking better-quality questions to know one another during an event, etc.

I got to put my practice into action when I had the great opportunity to present a case drug for my cardiovascular course under Assoc Prof Doreen Tan.

This fantastic experience has broadened my knowledge of drugs and ignited a new passion in pharmacy. I firmly believe in the values pharmacists can provide as health professionals not only in hospitals but also retail pharmacies, private pharmaceutical companies and health authorities.

What other interesting activities did you partake in to further enrich your student life, e.g. extra-curricular activities on campus?

I participated in NUS Pharmaceutical Society's annual event - Xperience Pharmacy Camp - a 3-day event for pre-university students to experience first-hand what Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science major students learn in their curriculum. It was truly a memorable experience to interact with the participants and eventually get to know them and forge a friendship.



Doing a drug presentation in front of the whole cohort for cardiovascular course

Share with us your most memorable experience as a Pharmacy student.

One of my most memorable moments was doing the blood pressure practical. Being able to hear our heart beats and the crackling sounds our blood makes when the blood flow is interrupted – it connected so much with what we have learned in class to the real world. Trying out the stethoscope on my friends was a lot of fun when we were learning blood pressure monitoring. A lot of memorable experiences are made possible because of the freedom and guidance in the curriculum, and that is what makes Pharmacy so much more enjoyable than many other disciplines.



Blood Pressure Monitoring Practical

