

### Why study Pharmacy?

I wanted to enrol in a healthcare-related programme because I enjoy applying what I learn daily in ways that allow me to interact with and assist those around me. The Pharmacy programme offers a broad range of career opportunities beyond just the clinical track.

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**Hong Kong trip with  
my Pharmacy friends**



### And how has the journey been thus far?

This journey has had its ups and downs. While the pressures of studying and school demands can sometimes feel intense, they also present fantastic opportunities for growth. I cherish the countless moments spent collaborating with my classmates and friends, where we tackle challenges together, forge meaningful connections, and learn as a team. Overall, this experience has been incredibly rewarding and enriching!

### What interests you most in your studies?

Learning about the various treatment algorithms and options for customising or personalising medications and regimens based on individual patient needs is incredibly fascinating. It is fulfilling to utilise our expertise in identifying which medications are most appropriate or should be avoided within a multidisciplinary healthcare team, enabling us to offer more comprehensive care to our patients.

### **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 have participated in various volunteering initiatives such as “Know Your Medicine, Get It Right,” Health T.A.G, and Fit Fun Fruits. These projects offer the community free health checkups, medication reconciliation services, and educational resources on various health topics. This is especially meaningful to me because it enables us to apply our academic knowledge in real-world situations while giving back to the community.

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

I have been actively involved in NUS Pharmaceutical Society (NUSPS) and the Houses throughout my four years in Pharmacy. In my first year, I joined the Pharmacy Orientation Programme as the Logistics Head, where I met many wonderful friends from both Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science. Following that, I took on the role of Welfare Director in NUSPS, allowing me to organise various enjoyable outreach events for students, such as Sports Day, Welfare Bakery, and Welfare Acai. I stepped into the position of Vice President Internal, where I focused on organising and streamlining the different volunteering projects while continuing to oversee the Houses.

This experience has been incredibly enriching, providing opportunities to meet and work with a diverse range of individuals. I feel that my involvement with NUSPS has enabled me to positively impact the student community.

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

The Pre-Employment Clinical Training (PECT) internships were pivotal in my Pharmacy education. The internships offered me significant insight into the professional lives of pharmacists across different sectors.

During my three-month internship at Unity Pharmacy, I learned the various responsibilities of a retail pharmacist. One of the most fulfilling experiences I've had was translating textbook knowledge into accessible and patient-friendly information.



**Working in Unity Parkway Parade during a Pokemon event day**

During the second phase of my PECT internship, I had the opportunity to work with Johnson & Johnson (J & J), where I gained a deeper understanding on the roles of pharmacists within the pharmaceutical industry. Through research, discussions, and presentations, I enhanced my soft skills, including presentation, information summarisation, and communication.



**With my batch mates at J&J as interns**