

To Whom It May Concern

I am 太陽彼得, a native of Taiwan. I would like to apply for a student visa, and this letter provides all my information and further personal plan for your reference. I started my major in Laboratory Medicine at the beginning of the University. However, after one year of study, I realized that I wasn't able to get any sense of satisfaction from routine lab work. Instead, I found myself thriving and shining when being in the front line, communicating with people face-to-face and assisting people directly . Hence, after careful consideration, I changed my major to Nursing in the third year of university and became a registered nurse in Taiwan. After graduation, I applied for one-year Substitute Military Service with nursing profession and served in a sanatorium. After the Military Service, I started working in a Cardiovascular Surgical ward as a nurse in Taipei Veterans General Hospital, the top three medical centers in Taiwan. After one year of work experience, I am familiarized with clinical routines, and I want to further my career and stepping out of the comfort zone by applying for a nursing position at International Medical Service Center of National Taiwan University Hospital. The Center caters to international patients and provides services that designed specifically to their unique needs and cultures. And I will be in charge of not only the direct international patient services but also the planning and implementation of inter-hospital collaboration projects.

In order to be eligible for the job, candidates must meet the following requirements: 1. Bachelor's degree in nursing 2. Nurse License 3. One year of clinical nursing experience. 4. Fluent English communication skills. I have already met first three requirements, but I am still lacking in fluent English communication skills, especially in medical conversation. There are just few opportunities to do English communication training between nurses and patients in Taiwan. We only use English for medical terminology between medical personnel. Taiwan nursing education has never taught us how to use English to assess patients and obtain key information from them. Also, Taiwanese education has not taught us how to establish a medical relationship with patients from different cultural backgrounds. So, for most Taiwanese medical personnel, it is usually seen as intimidating to communicate with foreigners in the hospital.

Therefore, I believe that if I want to improve my international medical profession and medical language skills, I should not study in Taiwan due to the lack of real clinical environment. I decided to study in English speaking countries, and apply for nursing major so that I would have opportunities to practice in clinical settings. First, I searched for nursing programs provided in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. And I mainly set my sights on bachelor programs which provide hands-on practice, rather than the research-oriented master programs. The education systems in the United States and Canada are similar which take four years for a Bachelor degree. On the other hand, it only takes just 2~3 years in the UK and Australia. Thus, I removed the US and Canada from the list given the total cost and the study duration. Furthermore, the distance between the UK and Taiwan is far and the weather is much more humid and colder than Taiwan. So, study in Australia became my final choice. Subsequently, I compared the convenience of living and monthly living expenses in each city in Australia, and I chose Adelaide, South Australia. Adelaide has lower education and living expenses than other cities with superior public transportation and free bicycle rental. Adelaide also has a Mediterranean climate with cool to mild winters with moderate rainfall and warm to hot, generally dry summers. There are three public universities with famous nursing course in Adelaide which are Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia, and I made a comparison in terms of tuition fees, English requirements and credits transference. I finally decided to apply for Bachelor of Nursing at University of South Australia. I have successfully been granted 36 credits for previous study and reached the English requirements. In addition, University of South Australia ranks 50-100 in QS World University ranking 2019 by subject: nursing, providing 900 hours of clinical internship. University of South Australia is definitely the best choice! During the study, my father will fully support my tuition fee, and I will also use the savings from the hospital work in Taiwan to pay the living expenses. Over the course of two years in Australia, besides the time spent on study, I will be participating in the university community and taking part in local volunteer groups to expand my horizons and enrich my life experience.

After completing my degree, I will return to Taiwan immediately because all my family and girlfriend are in Taiwan. My parents are all in their 60s, and I hope that I can use my nursing profession not only to help patients, but more importantly to take good care of my family. I will be there with them when they need

me the most. The experience in Australia not only facilitates me in the process of application for International Medical Service Center nurse, but equips me with the language and professional skills to be a competent nurse. I value work satisfaction and fulfilment more than work salary. International Center nurse may have similar salaries as hospital ward nurse, around 40,000 to 60,000 NTD, however, the former one provides care and service in a broader perspective without a fixed work routine or procedure which is more flexible and more challenging. I am certain that this job transition and the study in Australia are going to be the right choices for my life.

I wish you could consider my visa case and kindly offer me the student visa, so I would be able to start Bachelor of Nursing at University of South Australia.

Best Regards,

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