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On Career and Work

Emma (00:00):

What [redacted] do you want to take?

Luis (00:03):

I want to be a pharmacist.

Emma (00:06):

And what made you decide to be a pharmacist?

Luis (00:08):

So I wanted to be a pharmacist because growing up, my family didn't speak English. So I basically had to translate everything for them. And a lot of times I had a lot of [redacted] with the medical terms. That was really hard for me, especially since I didn't really hear them a lot in Spanish. So kind of trying to translate was difficult. And I could tell that it was difficult for my parents too.

Emma (00:42):

So basically you knew the term in English, but you just didn't know how to say it in Spanish to them.

Luis (00:47):

Yeah. So then I thought, I mean, I knew my parents weren't the only ones with that [redacted]. So since I'm bilingual, I decided it would be a good feel, I guess, to help people and kind of translate for them and help them with medical stuff since I know it can be hard for some people, especially as a second-- not speaking English

Emma (01:09):

So with English as their second language, basically.

Luis (01:12):

Yes.

Emma (01:14):

And is there anything else that interested you about medicine?



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Luis (01:19):

Yeah, so I guess when I was in high school also I would get sick a lot, so I ended up being on a lot of medications and I would see on the [redacted], like it would say like, Oh, be careful being outside because it-- I guess there's like a [redacted] with the sunlight. And like also, like, don't take any vitamins. So I guess I was just curious, like why [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], like why it said that. So I kinda¹ got interested in that and then I kind of just [redacted] [redacted] medicine that way.

Emma (01:53):

Okay. So you had always been interested in it since high school, basically?

Luis (01:58):

Yeah.

Emma (01:59):

Okay. And how many hours of school does it require? Have you graduated or are you still in school?

Luis (02:06):

So I'm in my last year of pharmacy school. It's a four-year program typically. And yeah, last year, right now it's just [redacted]. So kind of just working in the field, like practicing.

Emma (02:21):

Like [redacted] type of things?

Luis (02:23):

Yeah. So first three years is classes, last year is internship.

Emma (02:27):

Okay. And what is your dream job then?

Luis (02:32):

My dream job would be to work at a [redacted] [redacted]. So I would like one like in a grocery store, not really like CVS or Walgreens, just because working at a grocery store



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pharmacy, I think you get to know your patients better since a lot of the times, you know, they go in for groceries, so they might as well stop by at the pharmacy and then they kinda talk to you. And then since they come in, so often you kind of build a relationship better with them.

Emma (03:02):

So that's the main reason you wanted to work in a pharmacy that's also in a supermarket?

Luis (03:07):

Yeah. And also because again, that's when most people actually ask questions too, cause they're at the grocery store and then they remember like, Oh, I gotta² get this medicine. And then they may have some questions on it. So then having the pharmacy there is pretty convenient so that they can go ask questions. So like I said, I really wanted to do it to patients. So I think that's the best way to do it.

Emma (03:30):

And do you see yourself working - or - or on weekends? What's the perfect schedule for you?

Luis (03:40):

The perfect schedule for me would be Monday through Friday, eight to five, but that's not going to happen working at a community pharmacy just because they're open basically every day, Monday through Sunday, and then they open like nine in the morning and close at 9:00 PM. So there has to be somebody there in the mornings and there has to be somebody there at night. So they basically to make it fair for everybody.

Emma (04:09):

And do you prefer the morning shift or the night shift?

Luis (04:12):

I would probably prefer the morning shift.

Emma (04:16):



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Huh. Cause you're just more of a morning person?

Luis (04:18):

Not really, but I feel like I would get more done that way.

Emma (04:21):

You'd be more .