My educational and career goals include an emphasis on healthcare and patient advocacy. Because I am a former nursing student, I would like to incorporate my nursing knowledge with a concentration in psychology to further my career in the healthcare field. Since I already have a business background, I would like to pursue a career in medical sales or hospital administration. Ultimately, I would like to represent the patient and provide assistance to those in need.

My educational path will provide a foundation of learning that will create a solid basis for career mobility. Specifically, my nursing and psychology courses will enable me to be a knowledgeable and competent advocate for patient affairs. The more informed you are, the better choices you make. Therefore, my nursing courses relate to the medical knowledge needed to pursue my goals and psychology courses are required to understand the gravity of decisions made on behalf of the patient.

The Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts program will allow me to integrate these two fields of study. My background in business coupled with my education in nursing and psychology will be an excellent combination of skills to launch my new career goals. Nursing and psychology are very relatable and interconnected. The physical and mental status of a patient must be considered equally. Even dealing with patient’s rights, one must examine the choices patients must make concerning their options, down to their healthcare coverage.

I look forward to completing my degree this spring semester and starting a new career. My goal all along has been to better the human condition in some capacity and make a difference in someone’s life. If I can do this, I will consider myself a success. As a patient advocate, oral and written communication and negotiating skills are critical. Also, being self-motivated and motivating others to take control of their healthcare will increase the likelihood of a better outcome. Another factor would be helping sick
patients navigate through the insurance maze. Having a well-rounded education will prepare me for these challenges. In medical sales, you need to communicate well because you represent the company you work for and the product you sell. Proposals and persuasive discussions are necessary to attain financial goals. Hospital administration includes decision making that affect patient’s finances and physical well-being. Preparation for these positions would include an understanding of medical protocol and ethical practices. Both nursing and psychology courses would be a good foundation for those careers. The key skills required for these positions would include a high degree of communications which must be accurate and understandable, having medical knowledge to discuss technical information and being able to relate to various personality types and dispositions. The psychology classes will give me a greater understanding of why people act and react as they do. This knowledge will give me greater insight into the reasoning and perception of how other people think and feel. This plays a role dealing with a patient or collaborating with peers/management. The ethical and moral obligation is a key component in this arena. You must always put the patient first. It is of the utmost importance to assess your course of action, have alternatives if necessary and follow up on any ongoing directives. The ability to adjust and adapt to the needs of the patient is critical. These courses will give me life skills that will prepare me for professional situations that I would not have handled effectively before. I’ve always enjoyed the sciences and want to continue having the same passion as I did my nursing coursework. My desire to succeed is great. I am capable of this undertaking and grateful for this opportunity. The IDSL program would give me the specialized skills to accomplish my career goals and offer me potential educational advancement. This program allows me the opportunity to attain my educational and professional goals are met. I am looking forward to my new career and endless possibilities!

This degree is designed to accentuate my six nursing courses along with my five psychology courses. These two fields of study are complimentary and enhance my learning experience. This in turn will result in a positive employment outcome. I feel confident it will be an excellent spring board to a
career with great mobility and enduring stability. Healthcare professionals are in demand and counseling and advocacy are on the rise. I think this is an excellent combination.

Thank you for your consideration,
IDSL LIBERAL ARTS CORE COURSES:

Professional Writing ENGL 306-04:

This course will provide assistance with resume writing, proposals, letters, memos, short reports and computer graphics. This will aid me in communications with customers and management; presenting information in a concise, organized manner.

Introduction: Ethics and Society PHIL 112-02:

This course will assist me in developing and demonstrating ethical reasoning and moral obligation. In a business environment, one must be aware of ethical consequences and determine best outcomes for all involved.

History 100 Level HIST 1ELE:

This course was an overview of World History through the ages. This course is relevant to having a well-rounded curriculum and have a sense of “self” in the world.

The Art of Music Appreciation MUSC 121:

This course involved various music genres and how each evolved. This course is important to know because music and the arts are a foundation of learning. It teaches structure, form, commitment and patience.

PSYC CONCENTRATION:

Lifespan Developmental Psychology PSYC 230:

This course shows human development from birth to death. It is an important subject because it relates to people of all ages which in a business setting can be an asset to know this information.

Introductory Psychology PSYC 121:

This course was an overview of general psychology. It is useful to know basic concepts and theories in relation to everyday occurrences, social relationships and teamwork.

Principles of Learning PSYC 333-02:

This course will support my learning desire beyond my college experience. Modeling and observational learning is paramount in training for a new position.
Social Psychology PSYC 343-01:

This course will reinforce a commitment to good decision making and leadership performance. How one interfaces with others demonstrates a perceived image and attitude. It’s always wise to make a “good” first impression.

Brain and Behavior PSYC 378-01:

This course will focus on a biological approach to perception, action, learning, memory and cognition. This recognition in human development would help me in determining best outcomes in certain situations.

NURS CONCENTRATION:

Pathophysiology NURS 321:

This course provides basic concepts needed for all health professions. It relates to common disease processes which are necessary to know to provide patient health and safety.

Health Assessment Throughout the Lifespan NURS 345:

This course develops skills in analyzing data, critical thinking, logic-based approach to patient care/wellness. These skills are required because you must be able to assess situations for the appropriate intervention/outcome.

Mental Health Nursing NURS 352:

This course discusses ethical, legislative, financial and regulatory issues aside from mental health nursing. These subjects are critical to know in any health related profession.

Nursing Pharmacology I NURS 368:

This course includes fundamentals of drug therapy, disease etiology and ethical and legal pharmacologic issues. This subject is important especially working in a pharmaceutical company.

Nursing Research NURS 362:

This course is relevant to any career which involves data dissemination and critical analysis. This course enhances decision-making skills, evaluations and conclusions in a logical sequence.

Professional & Therapeutic Foundation of Community Based Nursing Practice NURS 345:

This course integrates communication, accountability, collaboration, confidentiality and empathy for the patient. These skills are required to provide an optimal plan of care.