

Medicine Motivation Letter sample

'I have known that I want to be a doctor since I was four years old. As soon as my cognitive abilities were advanced enough to comprehend the idea of medicine, I knew that was what I wanted to do. Every night I would stare at the stars and fantasize about my future as a physician before I drifted off to sleep...'

...is not what this motivation letter is going to look like at all.

I think that people who have been excited about medicine their entire lives are very admirable, but that is not the case for me. I only knew I wanted to become a doctor when I truly understood the value of modern medicine and its contribution to the collective health and development of society. Of course, I have always had a profound interest in human biology and science in general, but the social aspect of medicine is equally important to me as well. Simply observing the positive effect medicine has on people everywhere has solidified it as a career choice for me. From reading articles on how a surgery saved a sick child's life, to personally listening as my father instructed a family friend through his wife's labor over the phone when hospitals in Syria were closed due to active bombing - it's instances like these that have made me certain that being a doctor and providing healthcare to people is what I truly want to do.

My academic experience has acted as the foundation for this passion and has adequately prepared me to become a medical student. Biology has taught me a lot about the fascinatingly intricate nature of the human body and initially sparked my interest in medicine. Math has helped me become more analytical and has taught me to think quickly and accurately. English and English Literature have made me a better writer and have taught me how to think critically when assessing any type of text, I come across. Despite my limited extra-curricular options, I have still managed to develop strong communication and leadership skills by participating in countless group activities and events. And, after enrolling in an 'Advanced Level' course without any prior knowledge of the subject, Chemistry taught me how to cope with not immediately meeting my own standards - academic or not. Yes, I now know how to do stoichiometric calculations and identify periodic table trends, but the true lesson I got from Chemistry was learning to deal with self-perceived 'failures'. I now know that doing poorly on a test - or anything, for that matter - is a learning experience, and I should simply get back on my feet and do better next time.

There are several reasons for my interest in Koç University specifically. Firstly, the fact that the university operates almost entirely in English is extremely important to me. While it is my second language, it's the one I feel most comfortable using - especially academically (I do of course plan on learning Turkish, though!). Another factor that sets Koç apart from other universities is how student-oriented it is, and how its goal is to create well-rounded graduates that have some knowledge of all fields of academia, not just their selected majors. Seldom, if ever, does a university prioritize a liberal arts education for STEM students, so reading about the 'Core Curriculum' offered made me very happy. Not only am I someone who loves reading and learning about literature, history, and art - I also believe that these subjects offer important knowledge and skills for everyone, especially future doctors. Science is obviously important when it comes to medicine, but so are subjects beyond that category. The fact that Koç sees value in that too is a big part of why I have chosen to apply here.

I am aware of how stressful and demanding being a doctor can be, but my love for this field only continues to grow stronger with each passing day. I want to leave my mark on society, and I'm certain that studying medicine at Koç will allow me to achieve that.