**Introduction**

My name is Sobia Sandhu D/o Parkash Singh Sandhu, born on 05/04/1997. I am a resident of Vill- Nangli PO Verka , Amritsar, Pin 143008, Punjab, India. My nationality is Indian and currently holding a valid Indian passport and my passport number is V5794480. I am married and applying as a Spouse Case. I want to study Master of Health Management from Monash University, Australia.

**Academic Background**

Talking about my academics, I have done my 10th in 2013 with 10.0 CGPA and 12th in 2015 in medical stream with 89% marks under PSEB. In my 12th class, I got an opportunity to attend some free medical camps as well as attend medical seminars that were conducted in our school. I got very interested in this field because I felt that there are lot of people in India who need medical health but because of the lack of facilities and awareness, they cannot take care of themselves. I have a desire to help those people as it will be very emotionally satisfying. Not only this, I found out that to highly experienced health professionals, lot of money is paid by the government. So after discussing with my family, I took admission in MBBS that I completed in 2019 with 59% marks. After that My Internship is started on Dec 2019 and Completed on Dec 2020.

Immediately after the completion of my course, I found my life partner and we decided to get married. So I got busy with the marriage preparations and on 14 Jan 20201 we got married. After my marriage I joined Smt. Paarvati Devi Hospital from 14/06/2021, I am still working there. But I always had the desire to study further and be a successful health professional. So I discussed my desire with my husband and he fully supported me in this decision. After that I have decided to pursue my further study from Australia but to study abroad; there are some prerequisites that need to be fulfilled i.e., English Proficiency Test. Unfortunately, at that time Covid-19 pandemic was at

its peak and after 6 months when educational institutions were started, I opted for the PTE language test because it is the most acceptable language test in Australia. I have started taking PTE classes to polish my skills and sat for an exam on January 22, 2022 and got Overall 68 score and individually 69 in Listening, 59 in Speaking, 65 in Reading and 72 in Writing. In January 2022, now without any hesitation I decide to continue my process for Study in Australia.

**Why not India?**

I looked for various related course options and their scope for my career. I found that in India, skilled health officers are paid lot of salaries and also they are responsible to make effective health policies for India so that every person gets the best medical help. But when I looked for related courses in Indian colleges and universities like Indian Institute of Allied Health Sciences, AIIMS Delhi etc., I found out that the process of getting admission into these institutes is very difficult. Thousands of students appear for entrance tests every year and the number of seats available are very less. Other than these colleges, there are lot of average level colleges available but after studying from those there are no job opportunities available for the students because the quality of education is not up to the mark. On the other hand, in my research I found out that overseas health education in the present time is highly advanced and after studying from there, I will have much better understanding of my subject and this will help me find jobs with a very high salary package.

**Why not any other country?**

I researched about all the top study destinations that are popular among international students like Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand. I also checked the related Health Science programs in these countries and shortlisted a few colleges like Thompson Rivers University, University of Manitoba, Trinity College of Nursing in Health Sciences. But the admission process for Canadian and USA universities is very difficult. In USA, I will need to appear for tests like SAT that are very competitive and then the visa process is also very tedious. Also, the master in these countries is for 4 years whereas in Australia I can complete the same level course in 2 years. The cost of living and studying in Canada and USA is a lot more as compared to Australia. Then I searched about NewZealand and found out that it is mainly known for vocational diploma and degree courses and there are very limited master of health management program options available.

**Why Australia?**

In comparison, I found out that Australia is one of the best countries known to run health related programs as the medical and health sector of this country is highly advanced. Every year thousands of dollars are spent on researches and infrastructure by the government and the same is introduced in the universities in order to bring the latest exposure to the students. Also when I did my research, I found that many Australian universities are ranked among the top 5% of the universities in the world and after the USA, Australia is now the most popular country for international students to study in. The education system of this country is ranked 8th in the world, ahead of countries such as Germany and Japan. Then I checked the scope of health science courses in Australia and I was so impressed to find out that most of the universities provide research opportunities to the students and after studying from this country students get excellent job opportunities all across the world. The infrastructure and labs provided to the students are also highly advanced. The teachers in Australia have lot of industry exposure in their respective fields and they make students ready for the jobs. The Australian government also spends lot of money on promoting quality education among international students and for this it provides scholarship opportunities of around $200,000,000 every year. With all these impressive points, I decided to study from Australia for my studies.

**Why Master of Health Management**

I want to study Health Management, the subject is a mixture of Health care knowledge with management, as I have foundation in healthcare sector I can join the management team and give my career a boost. A degree in Healthcare Management will equip me with knowledge on new health care law, regulations and technology, these are most important things to have a better professional career. By studying this program I will be enhancing my management skills, also the course will be providing me skills which are needed to become a professional, skills such as:

1) Conceptualizing Leadership

2) Leadership Challenge

3) Innovation and Creative Changes

The modules of the course in MBA Healthcare Management are:

1) Conceptualizing Leadership in Healthcare

2) Professional Practice and Strategy implementation in the context of

Health Management

3) Creative Change &amp; Innovation

4) Implementing Strategies

5) Finance Insights &amp; Business Intelligence

These modules will prepare me for more in depth studies and career in the field of my liking.

**Ties to my home country**

The top most reason to me return back to my home country is that my country is developing country and I will get reputed designation in my country as I will have International degree and experience. In Australia everyone have same but in my home country this degree will give me extra advantage in getting good job. Secondly, my family and all my relatives are here in India and they probably cannot migrate to Australia. My family always supported me in my ups and downs. They have savings to support my financials in abroad. Moreover I have promised my parents that I will return back to India after completing my study and I have to keep my promise. Last but not least, I want to serve my parents and country after returning home. So I will assure you that my sole purpose of going to Australia is to complete my degree.

**Accommodation**

I have searched about the accommodation in Australia and I have found that there is number of options available where students can take on rent an apartment and share it with other students. I have searched rented apartments through various sites like [www.student.com](http://www.student.com),[www.urbanest.com](http://www.urbanest.com), [www.realestate.com](http://www.realestate.com),[www.flatmates.com](file:///D:\ARJUN\SOP%20AVS\www.flatmates.com%20) and many more. In my search I found that I can get an accommodation on rent on a weekly rent of 300-350 AU$. I can also share my accommodation with other students which will eventually reduce the rent. Even I have planned to do the same. I can also share the rented apartment with other students.

**Visa Conditions**

I have studied details on the following Dept. of Home Affairs website: [Australian Student Visa Conditions](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500) and I understand that I am required to satisfy the following student visa requirements

* I must be enrolled in full time course during my student visa
* While my course is in session, I cannot work part time more than 40 hours per fortnight
* While I am in Australia, I must maintain the Overseas Student Health Cover at all times
* I must notify my college of my residential address within 7 days of arriving in Australia
* Not disruptive to the Australian community or a group within the Australian community.
* I must continue to satisfy the criteria for the grant of the visa.
* I must maintain adequate arrangement for education.

Regards

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