

Research Assessment #1

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Assessment:

The article from the Gale Encyclopedia, *Pediatrics*, has clarified my view on the medical field and has strengthened my passion for pursuing the realm of pediatrics. When entering Independent Study and Mentorship to study pediatrics and creative writing, I was worried about the broad spectrum of research I would need to cover, after reading this article, the vast amount of material to cover has inspired me to pursue my goal at a faster pace.

The database article defines the field of pediatrics as the study of medicine in children, ranging from physical to mental health. Before reading *Pediatrics*, my view on pediatrics was that it was strictly focused on the physical health of patients, not the mental standpoint. Still, I learned that the term pediatrics covers a large range of topics. By choosing such a broad field of medicine to study, I am opening myself up to multiple years of education and many possible failures, but this idea intrigues me and I have a better understanding of how much work goes into becoming a pediatrician. While people who do work in the pediatric field are able to work part time, which entails 25 hours a week, I feel that it would not allow me to grow as much as a doctor because of how passionate I am about medicine and helping children.

According to *Pediatrics*, the field itself follows four types of study for diseases that ultimately relate to the speciality field in children's medicine, therefore allowing me to receive a basis in all of the following before choosing whether to specialize or not: hematology, nephrology, pulmonary, and rheumatology. Due to the interlacing of all four studies, the general pediatric field that I want to study must provide a basis for all of them for pediatricians to appropriately treat their patients. My passion for the field has grown excessively to accommodate the want to explore the common effect of pediatricians and their work on children and the fact that there are so many specialties in the job. The endless possibilities that are offered by the pediatric field are new to me and I had never realized that the field of children's medicine could become so complicated. This broad range of exploration excites me, especially since going into the medical field entails at least 4 years receiving and undergraduate education, one year of interning, three years of a residency, and a period of 4 to 6 years of medical school minimum. This long stretch of time can be filled consistently with the multiple specialty fields of pediatrics, which gives me the option of whether or not I want to narrow my field to one specific type of treatment for children or whether I would want to remain in the general branch of pediatrics. Remaining in the general branch seems to be the area

that allows me to gain an exposure to multiple different treatment method type, which would allow me access to constant medical research and a constant source of learning, which interests me greatly.

The article, Pediatrics, has exposed me to a great deal about the medical treatment of children and the ability to maintain a proper bill of health. Looking into the next months following my reading of this first article, I will develop my own experiences in the pediatric field through reading other detailed articles and shadowing a mentor to get a feel for how truly broad the range of study is.