

## Personal Statement

My name is THEA Sopheaktra; I graduated for being a medical doctor from the University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in December 2019 by accomplished medical training in national hospitals in the local country and successfully passed national board exam in March 2020. I currently work at a dermatology clinic responding to general dermatology consultants and microsurgery. Based on my working experiences, I received basic knowledge of dermatology, such as common skin diseases like atopic dermatitis, eczema, acne, and performed minor surgeries counting mole excision, local skin flap (rotation, bilobed, rhomboid, and so on) cyst, lipoma, wart removal, knee paracentesis, ultrasound technician. Because of my limited knowledge and interest in dermatology as a major, I have applied to pursue higher study in Thailand at the Institute of Dermatology.

In Thailand, the curriculum was pretty good, including clinical dermatology, Laser, Dermatosurgery, also Dermatopathology. This program makes me adore more and more in that field, most especially dermatopathology. During my practice at the institute, I am confident in clinical dermatology. However, Aesthetic dermatology dose not included in the program, though, I feel that I missed something more important in my daily clinical practice.

After graduating and working in the dermatological field for a while, I felt Aesthetic dermatology is an essential value subject. Because of the modernization of medicine, many Cambodian people are trying to focus on beauty which made them seek skillful aesthetic doctors. Because of my tiny and limited experience, make me concerned about finding a great place for continuing my aesthetic skills. Furthermore, developing country of Cambodia, we demand a lot of aesthetics to serve our people.

American Academy of Aesthetic Medicine is a highly educational training center that provides many aesthetic trainees to be skillful, competent, and more confident in aesthetic practice. AAAM has been operating since 1999, and teaches the combination of medicine which is art, science, and technique, shows trainees how to use the brain hearth, and hand in aesthetic medicine, and provides a deep lecture and detailed hand-on training by expertized aestheticians.

To reach my goals, I realize that I must get involved with aesthetic medicine provided by expertized in AAAM. I am very excited about my future and feel that with the opportunity your programs will provide, I can help many people.

I am going to do my best to work hard to get knowledge from all professors if I have a chance to attend the level one aesthetic training. After the training course is completed, I will return to my country, Cambodia, involving the development of aesthetic dermatology in Cambodia. This knowledges might help my patients not simply heal but to be able to improve their quality of life. Thank you for your time and consideration.