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"We do not know what we have got until we lose it" - a phrase so familiar but the one that few genuinely comprehend. I had a unique opportunity to explore its meaning when I worked with people with special needs. Observing how they live lives like anyone else despite suffering from physical or mental issues, I saw courage and determination in those people and realized that it is not only crucial to value everything I have but also to dedicate myself to helping such individuals compensate for what they do not have. Such experience was life-changing, but I also engaged with it while studying, hence my Undergraduate GPA is not as high as it could be otherwise, but it was this work that prompted me to pursue Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and make such people's lives better, which this course will enable me to do.

Graduating with an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) degree would be a logical continuation of my past education and experience. It would equally present a means for reaching the goals I have when I start a career. I well observed how what I learned on my undergraduate psychology course knowledge made me more equipped for working with kids suffering from autism spectrum disorder during my paraprofessional tenure. For example, when we engaged in mock interviews, it was not too difficult to comprehend them because I knew how to behave to keep them focused. At the same time, I felt I needed more expertise, and I am sure that ABA would be the exact resource I need to be better at such types of work ("6 Reasons...," 2017). Equally, because I volunteered and studied a lot, I omitted some time I could have spent studying, hence this degree would be the right course for me to make up for the omissions and become well-equipped for working as a therapist with a special needs community.

The ABA degree will surely be a jump start for my attainment of goals I have for the after-graduate period of my life. This Master's degree will position me to be able to make the lives of people with special needs fuller and filled with more joy. Besides, it will enable me to attain my objective of acquiring a board certified behavior analyst licence in New York so I could start working with those whose life is complicated by the Autism Spectrum disorder. The ABA degree will provide me with a competitive advantage when applying for a position to work with special needs children outside and within the classroom setting. Therefore, this course would be a life- and career-changing period for me.

Acquiring the ABA degree would change my life for the better, yet I critically understand that studies will not be particularly easy. I am a realist and understand that I will need to overcome some of my weaknesses to succeed. As a pro-practice individual, I tend to over-emphasize paperwork and might spend too much effort on it. Equally, as the one focused on results, I may want to try attaining everything planned at once. Nonetheless, I will surely reduce these weaknesses' impact to the minimum by relying on my strong points, such as my team player skills, readiness to learn from others, emotional intelligence, stress-resistance, and critical view of my deficiencies. The ABA degree pursuit will entail some challenges, yet I am strongly determined to mitigate my weaknesses and be hard-working to achieve my goals.

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