

Ryan Perrin

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I was 14 years old when I completed my grade 8 education in middle school. That summer I became ill. That illness has left me with damaged nerves which tell me I'm always in pain.

I saw what must have been dozens of doctors over the course of a few years. Eventually I'd had enough. I took myself off all medication, learned to cope with the pain on my own, and decided to become a doctor myself.

I've done all this because I want to make sure there's a doctor out there who can help people like myself.

I returned to the Adult Learning Program, studied through night classes at first, and eventually day classes as well. Every day I've pushed through the pain and have grown immensely to reach this point in my life.

I have done my utmost to earn excellent grades, averaging in the 90's overall, and the Dalhousie University Bachelor of Medical Sciences program has accepted me for the coming fall school term. I'm currently completing my last tests in my last course before I move on to university.

I've done all of this in my pursuit of becoming a Medical Officer; a doctor for the military, to make sure no one under my care will have to suffer injuries leading to or resulting in chronic pain similar to my own.

"It's taken me years to learn to live with pain. Now I hope to help prevent it in others." ~ Ryan Perrin

