Dermatology is a career that I am currently pursuing for my future. The reason I chose to become a dermatologist is because of how fascinated I am with the skin and its function. The skin is the largest organ from the human body and can be visually seen, which results in the capability of noticing changes on the skin. The competence to detect change towards the skin is much higher when juxtaposed to any changes in the lung(s) or liver. Warts, pimples, discoloration, infections, just to name a few; are the few physical properties that dermatologists should look at and determine what it could mean and a resolution for the client. Another reason I want to become a dermatologist is because of the alarming increase in skin cancer. Unfortunately skin cancer is not easily detected when compared to other cancer and health care in the United States is not at its strongest standing.

Becoming a dermatologist is not an easy process and it is also time consuming. The typical path of becoming a dermatologist would first consist with completing the first four undergraduate years of college and majoring in something that would usually help increase the chances of admittance into medical school. Once an aspiring dermatologist receive their bachelor degree they would take the MCAT to send to medical schools for their acceptance. Sometime many students aren’t accepted into medical schools which would most likely result them into continuing with their education to a higher degree. There are two types of medical school that can help students achieve the dermatologist title; Allopathic and Osteopathic Schools. The difference between the two based from How to Become a Dermatologist is Allopathic School.
focuses “on treating conditions with medications, radiation, or surgery” while Osteopathic School focuses “a more holistic approach to medicine that emphasizes prevention and wellness.” Once accepted into an accredited medical school, the student would spend another four years usually focusing on classes that would help them with the dermatology field. During those four years many students would also join internships or job shadowing to not only earn hours but to also understand more about the career they’re trying to pursue. Some try to get their internship hours before entering medical school because it would help increase their chances of being accepted to medical school.

My interests/ skills that would allow me to succeed in this career is my determination for an outcome and my patience after a year of working and dealing with people. The hours a dermatologist works is much more typical to the hours of other medical jobs; many dermatologist start their workday at nine in the morning and leave the workplace at five in the evening. Dermatologist typically don’t work on weekends as well. Workplaces for a dermatologist usually consist of a hospital or a private based clinic. Biology is a major many dermatologist major in when they’re in their undergrad. In United States, the job outlook for dermatologist is 14% on a range from the years of 2014 to 2024 based from the website Dermatologist: Job Info & Career Requirements. The median base pay for a dermatologist based from the Salary website in the United States is $331,978 and for the city of Atlanta and the metro the pay is $326,822. Occupations that relate to dermatology also require the same amount of education and they consist of physicians, skin care consultants, aestheticians, plastic surgeons, etc. The confidence I have for myself becoming a dermatologist is sometimes high and low due to the different situations I am placed in. However if I have a positive thought and attitude
towards becoming a dermatologist I feel that I’ll be able to achieve the dermatologist title or maybe a career that also relates to dermatology.


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