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Facilitated through merit-based scholarship, a Ph.D. level higher education must be taken as a highly valued intellectual asset, which not only shapes an individual's mind, but also elevates his status further to higher degrees that can be only measured by knowing spiritual dimensions of the educational field.

To me, public health education begins with people and leads them from limited understanding of a broader conception of what is involved in achieving better health. It translates the findings of the laboratory into the language and activity understood and accepted by the public. It helps people form desirable patterns of thought and behaviour in line with scientifically valid ways.

Having done masters in health service administration studies from the Marywood University with a bachelor of science in community health, from the Western Oregon University, it is the very sense of patriotism, including the self-esteem too, which made me pursue higher education in my chosen discipline. In many ways, public health education in this country is an educational model of effective engagement with government and industry.

However, there are now opportunities for the professions to develop a more united stance and leadership in setting the public health education agenda, building on the notion of the coalition of public health professions. For this reason, in very early ages I decided to utilise my best efforts in pursuance of higher education, especially in the chosen discipline of public health.

Being a public health enthusiast, I often feel that we must fight complacency and the forces destroying our land and its people. Somehow, we must develop an understanding that all forms of life and non-life on this planet are interrelated and interdependent, that only through

knowledge, determination and a feeling of obligation to society can help us survive on this earth. Thus, in this field of ecology lies the major new challenge for public health experts.

Questions arise as to the breadth and depth of competencies of practitioners trained at these varying levels, and the pathways that should exist to assist progression through further education. Some proponents suggest that public health qualifications be regarded as generalist, with in-depth specialist knowledge acquired through additional programs.

Advantages of such a model include enhanced flexibility appropriate to the diverse and changing population health and workforce needs. However, this introduces challenges in assuring academic standards, and risks a further diminution of recognition of public health as a profession and career option.

To me, pursuing a doctorate in public health is a prime objective, and beyond building my career, the same tends to be the driving force helping me achieve my goals.

And here I am, having devoted the whole lifespan in quest of higher education in my chosen subject discipline related to the public health.

