

# Finding Your Life's Work

## MEET EVANS TRAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

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It's not every day that you meet a young woman as remarkable as Evans Tran. Evans is a physician assistant working in a busy urology practice. This article is not just about her skill and the caring and compassionate manner with which she treats patients, but a story of her incredible determination to rise above adversity and fulfill her dreams.

As a child of immigrant parents, Evans didn't have an idyllic Southern California childhood. For many years she lived in a U-haul truck with her family. "My motivation to succeed stems from this childhood experience as I grew up knowing that living in a truck was not what I intended for the rest of my life," explains Evans.

Evans had high hopes for her future and at a young age she decided to embark on a journey to discover her life's passion. At the age of 14, she was interested in community service and began volunteering at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. This experience introduced her to the field of healthcare where she felt great joy in helping people.

Evans enrolled in California State University, Long Beach and earned a BA in Human Development. While in college she gained additional experience in healthcare by completing a Clinical Care Extender Internship Program at St. Mary's Medical Center in Long Beach. "My commitment to this internship reinforced my passion for medicine," remarks Evans.



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Although this internship provided medical training, she was interested in a more global experience. Taking advantage of the University's study abroad program, Evans participated in conservation projects with mentally disabled people in New Zealand and worked with HIV children in South Africa.

Upon her return to the United States, Evans was accepted to the Physician Assistant Program at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA. Her life experiences taught her that, in addition to education and training, one's ability to provide compassion, understanding and trust can positively influence patients' health and also inspire them to help others.

"Compassion and empathy are what I have learned to provide as a human development major when I understood that cultural, religious, and traditional backgrounds are the backbone of compassionate values."

Evans received her Master of Science and is a board certified Physician Assistant. She works at *Pacific Coast Urology Medical Center* with Dr. Robert Pugach.

"I fell in love with our office the first day I stepped foot into the facility," she says. "Dr. Robert Pugach is a great doctor and an excellent teacher. The staff is compassionate, professional, and welcoming. The best part about being at *Pacific Coast Urology Medical Center* is the teamwork with our staff and patients. The ability to work together with patients to make sure they improve and feel better is what I enjoy most about being a Physician Assistant."

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