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Favorite Course:
Lifecycle of the Clinical Product.

Favorite vacation Spot:
Keukenhof Tulip gardens,
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What attracted you to the Applied Clinical Research graduate program?

I was drawn to the Applied Clinical Research graduate program because clinical research is at the heart of life-changing medical advancements. It helps discover new ways to prevent, detect, and treat diseases while ensuring the safety and effectiveness of medical approaches. Even unsuccessful studies add valuable knowledge, paving the way for future breakthroughs. Clinical research goes beyond what can be learned in labs or animal studies, offering insights into what works in humans and helping balance potential benefits against side effects. The opportunity to contribute to meaningful research that benefits humanity inspired me to pursue this path.





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"Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living." – Albert Einstein

This quote inspires me deeply, as I believe true fulfillment lies in helping others.

My passion for the health industry drives my desire to make a meaningful impact. After earning my Pharm.D, I developed a strong interest in clinical research, focusing on drug development, mechanisms, and manufacturing techniques. With many CROs advancing clinical trials for new treatments, I aspire to start as a clinical researcher, gain experience, and contribute to developing life-saving drugs for the community. To me, research is about seeing what others see and thinking in new ways to create change.

"Many of the skills needed to excel at clinical research extend beyond what is taught in medical school,"- Ebrahim Barkoudah, MD, MPH, FACP.

This statement resonated deeply with me and emphasized the value of a program that goes beyond academics. This is why I chose St. Cloud State University. The program not only builds technical expertise but also nurtures critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and a commitment to patient welfare—skills essential for real-world clinical research.

Such insights have been pivotal in shaping my journey with humility and purpose.

What have you learned in Applied Clinical Research graduate program that surprised you?

The Applied Clinical Research graduate program has been an eye-opener in many ways. It has given me a solid foundation in research principles like study design, data analysis, and interpretation, which are key to conducting reliable studies. I've also gained a better understanding of the ethical side of research, such as informed consent, patient privacy, and maintaining integrity. The program has not only prepared me to contribute to evidence-based practices but has also sparked my curiosity and deepened my appreciation for how research drives advancements in healthcare.