**Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university. (350 Words)**

Last summer, I learned a lot from my dad about Supply Chain. As I kept researching more, I became fascinated by how Supply Chain works, particularly the logistics behind Amazon's one-day shipping and the undeniably genius supply chain management of Flexport. My interest grew to the point that I took the initiative to intern at my dad’s company, learning more about the end-to-end processes and the different types of Supply Chain. My internship undoubtedly contributed to my grasp of local and international logistics, the burgeoning omni-channel technology, and the complexity of modern fulfilment centres.

Working with the engineering team for the majority of my internship, I conducted in-depth research of the e-fulfilment for one of the company’s warehouses. From the research, I learned the benefits robots have in fulfilment centers, the optimal position of each warehouse , and how RFID chips and barcodes are used to track each shelf. I was also fortunate to get a thorough explanation of omni-channel technology on how it helps the supply chain by improving inventory management accuracy during periods of high volume. During the internship, I was perplexed by many of the terminologies. Hence, I began doing further self-study from a book called E-logistics by Yingli Wang.

Throughout my internship, I was also given a brief tour of the system and warehouses. The employees demonstrated how they pick and pack, input data into the system, and perform inbound and outgoing activities. As I became aware of how intricate each process is, such as their limitations on using vendors for their last-mile deliveries, it also inspired me to consider ways to improve it. Using our own couriers, for example, could result in faster delivery times for customers and better management and tracking for the company.

Overall, the internship experiences taught me the foundation of supply chain management, but they also piqued my curiosity and motivated me to pursue further in this area. As a result, I am looking forward to contributing my knowledge and experiences in the UCs.

Hi Terence,

It is evident that your internship experience made an impactful contribution to your preparation. You’ve also written in detail what you learned during the internship. Well done!

However, I think you still need to restructure this essay to make it flow better from topic to topic. Here’s an outline I suggest you refer to as you revise:

* Learning supply chain from your dad: how? When was your first taste of this area? How did you feel about it?
* Personal research into Amazon & Flexport (keep it to the one sentence you already have, but elaborate on the fact that you did your own research here)
* Reading E-logistics to prepare for your internship: what did you learn?
* Internship
* What have all these experiences taught you about your interest in supply chain? What are your goals and how will this major help you achieve them? (further guidance below)

In the ending, it is still unclear how you’re going to utilize the knowledge gained to prepare you for your classes. I have left some suggestions in the comment to improve the ending part.

Here’s a sample outline to help you improve the ending part:

“I want to study Supply Chain Management so that I can……. In the future, I want to be a….. so that I can help my dad’s company to do …..”

Best of luck,

Melinda & Chiara