**1. Why are you going to the US?**

- I’m going to the US to pursue my master’s degree in international development studies where I’ve chosen social sciences as my major.

**2. What will you specialize in for your degree?**

- I will be specializing in social sciences for my degree.

**3. What will be your major?**

- My major will be social sciences and community and global health.

**4. Where did you go to school?**

- I went to Green Valley Academy school which is situated at my hometown Ilam,Nepal, for my primary and secondary education. For my higher secondary education I went to United Academy which is situated at Kumaripati Lalitpur, and for my undergraduate degree I went to Norvic Institute of Nursing Education at Chakrapath Kathmandu.

**5. Who is your current employer? What do you do?**

-I worked as a field supervisor for an NGO named New Era, for a project titled Nepal Health Facility Survey, for more than half a year and I’ve been working as an entrepreneur since 2016.

**6. Why are you planning to continue your education?**

-I’m planning to continue my education because as soon as I finished my work tenure as a field supervisor, I had developed the thirst to work on the field of development of health in my country which is possible only if I’m able to gain a deep understanding of international development studies.

**7. Can you not continue your education in your home country?**

-Yes, I can. But the education that I’ll receive here in my country is not internationally recognized, and the course that I’m interested in is also provided only by countable number of universities among which Mid-west University located at Birendranagar Surkhet was regarded as the best but still, The University that I’ve chosen to study in the US is listed in number 15 according to the QS world ranking for international development studies which will help me to establish a remarkable profile and to get a great career opportunity in top listed governmental and non-governmental organizations after I return back to my nation.

**8. How will this study program relate to your past work or studies?**

-I am a registered nurse and I worked as a field supervisor for a health facility project where I was lucky enough to have a chance to get an in-depth knowledge about most of the health facilities in rural as well as urban areas During my tenure as a field supervisor, I saw the disparity that the front-line workers are not involved in forming the plans and policies, while the same nurses are the ones who tackle the challenges in dealing with the patients first hand and finds solutions in consolidating the case, and their voices are never heard. So, after completion of my course I can come back to my country and join hands with the policy makes to change the scenario for the involvement of the front-line workers in the formulation of plans and policies in relation to health and development.

**9. How many colleges did you apply to?**

- I had applied to 3 other universities which are Indiana University, Texas state university, Western Michigan University.

**10. How many schools did you get admitted to?**

- I received my 1st acceptance from Clark University and I’m yet to hear from other Universities.

**11. How many schools rejected you?**

- I’ve not been rejected from any other schools until date.

**12. Have you been to the US before?**

- No sir/ma’am I’ve not travelled to the US until date.

**13. Do you know your professors at that university? What are their names?**

- Yes sir/ Ma’am I know some of my professors at the university, One of the professor who I’m interacting with is Prof. Laurie Ross, A professor of community development and planning who also happens to be a former international development student at Clark itself. And other professors that I can name a few are Prof. Ken MacLean, Prof. Ellen Foley, Prof. Anita Fabos, and, Prof. Cynthia Caron who are professors of international Development and social Change.

**14. What city is your school located in?**

-My school is Located in Worcester city in the state of Massachusetts.

**15. What are your test scores (GRE, GMAT, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS)?**

- To prove my English proficiency I had done a PTE (Pearson Vue Test) and my test score is 85 out of 90 and not less than 82 in each band.

**16. What was your previous GPA?**

-My previous GPA was 3.2 out of 4.

**17. How will you manage the cultural and educational differences in the US?**

-Since I’m very communicative I’ll try my best to maintain consistent communication with my classmates and faculty members at Clark and also I’ll actively participate in the classroom and not hesitate to ask the things that I don’t understand which will definitely help me to some extent to understand the cultural and educational difference there in the US.

**18. How good is your English?**

- Learning is unlimited and I’m still a learner. But belonging to a non-English Speaking country I’ve gained all my educations in English, I can communicate with and also understand a native English Speaker so, I think my English is quite good. I do look forward to improving my English-speaking skills further by being part of an international community in the US.

**19. Why do you want to pursue a degree in the US?**

-I want to Pursue my degree in the US because It’s an internationally recognized degree where I can get a chance to make a remarkable profile that’ll help me to get a great career opportunity in top listed governmental and non-governmental organizations after I return back to my nation. Apart from that, Universities in the US invest in optimized classroom experiences, where I can get the latest and modern classroom experience staring from the access to web based classes, computer based tests and allowing the students to use different labs and other resources which I can hardly expect from any other countries.

**20. Why not study in Canada, Australia or the UK?**

- I chose to study in the US and not Canada, Australia or the UK because studying in the US is very competitive and in spite of the pandemic the flexible academic environment that the universities in the US provides is very intimidating as compared to any other country, also US degrees have an excellent international reputation and American universities are regarded as the bastions of cultural diversity and not to mention the affordability of the tuition along with the wide range of scholarships opportunity for the students which is also one main factor why I’ve chosen US rather than any other country for my graduate studies.

**21. What do you know about US schools?**

- According to my research I Know that there is a larger focus on creating holistic education and fostering well-rounded graduates in U.S. universities. through public, private and home schools.

**22. What is your monthly income?**

- I earn more than 25000 a month.

**23. What is your sponsor’s annual income?**

-My sponsor is my father and his annual income is more than 25-30 lakhs.

**24. How do you plan to fund the entire duration of your education?**

- My father is going to fund my entire duration of education in the US. He is a businessman, he owns a business of jewelry where he particularly deals with gold, silver and diamonds where he makes annual income of 25-30 lakhs NPR and apart from this he has liquid assets $45,411 USD which will be used for my tuitions in the US.

**25. How much does your school cost?**

- The degree that I’ve chosen to study in clark university costs, $6,035per course and $60,350 based on10courses since I’ve been awarded a merit based scholarship of 60% it costs $24,140 for me to complete the full course excluding any other personal costs.

**26. How will you meet these expenses?**

- I plan on meeting these expenses as my dad is going to sponsor me, he will be paying for all my tuition expenses including any other personal expense.

**27. What is your sponsor's occupation?**

- My father is my sponsor and he runs a family business of jewelry back in my hometown Ilam since past 30 years. He mainly deals with gold, silver and diamonds. My father is the main supplier of gold in Ilam. My mother helps my father in running the business too.

**28. How else will you cover the rest of your costs?**

- The rest of the cost will also be taken care of by my father as he has a saving of more than $45,000 in the bank just to invest in my studies. My father and grandmother have a joint in Nabil bank have savings of $96,180.53 which my father and grandmother have saved for my future. My father also has huge investments in the stock market, and owns four other houses two each at Kathmandu and Dharan specifically which are on rent so he gets money from there too.

**29. Do you have a copy of your bank statements?**

-Yes, I do. Here it is. Please have a look.

**30. Did you get offered a scholarship at your school?**

- Yes, I got offered a merit based 60% tuition scholarship at my university.

**31. Can I see your tax returns?**

-Yes, I do. Here it is. Please have a look.

**32. Do you have relatives or friends currently in the US?**

- Yes I do have some relatives from my maternal side living in the

US, but we don’t communicate much with each other.

**33. What are your post-graduation plans?**

- I plan to return back to my country and work hand-on-hand with the policy makers to bring about a change in the formulation of plans and policies by including front-line workers in the field of health and development.

**34. Do you have a job or career in mind after you graduate?**

- Yes in the initial phase I do plan to work with different NGOs and INGOs here in my country and work for projects that aids in the development of the nation. After I gain certain experience I plan to get involved in policy making and so on.

**35. Do you plan on returning back to your home country?**

- Yes, I have no any intention to stay in the US after I complete my Masters. I do plan to return back to my country as soon as possible and utilize the gained knowledge in relevant field.

**36. Are you sure you won't stay in the US?**

- Yes, I am very much sure that I won’t stay in the US and I’m strictly going there only to pursue my higher education. Since I am the only daughter I have many responsibilities in my shoulder, and belonging to a newari family my culture and tradition are my pride which I can’t live without.

**37. Will you continue to work for your current employer after you graduate?**

-Yes, I would definitely love to work for my current employer if any such opportunity arises after I graduate, since it is one of the most reputed NGO with more than 50 years of experience in the field of research, I would not let that opportunity slip by if I get a chance to serve them in future.

**38. Why are you here?**

-As I had scheduled a visa interview for today’s date, I’m here to give my F-1 visa interview to study in the United States.

**39. Why this University?**

- Out of all the Universities I’ve chosen to study particularly in Clark University because the program that I’m interested in is ranked in number.15 according to the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World ranking, this university is also one of the best according to US world news plus it is well reputed, it has limited class size and has international development curriculum with main focus on the domains of health.

**40. Why this subject?**

- I’ve chosen to study this subject because in the future I want to come back to my country and join hands with the policy makers, Since there are no any frontline workers like us nurses included in the formulation of plans and policies in the field of health and development in spite of all the hard work we do, I want to be that nurse who will be able to have her say when the health policies are being made. The dream of being a political activist won’t come true without gaining in-depth knowledge in the field of social sciences. Plus this subject provides a wide range of domains which I can choose to study as my majors and one of most interesting thing is it includes the study of community and global health too.

**41. Tell me something about your faculty or courses?**

- It’s a 12 month course with 10 unit degree option. The curriculum mainly consists of **three units of core courses**( development theory, development economics and project management for social change), **two methods and skill courses**( development management in developing countries, Qualitative research method for policy design and analysis), **four units of concentration courses** ( Network and analysis of development, Non-government organization catalyst for development, Culture, Environment and Development, Approaches to community health), and **one completion unit.**

**42. Where will you stay in the US?**

-I’m planning to stay in the residential halls in the university as they’re inclusive, equitable and safe.

**43. Are you planning to go for a master or higher degree?**

-I am planning to go for my master’s degree.

**44. Are you planning to work after your graduation?**

-No, I don’t have any plans to work after my graduation there in the US but I have plans to work here in my country with different governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**45. Provide the assurance or guarantee of returning back to Nepal once you are done with your studies?**

-I have a job promised to me by my past employer which you can see in written form in my recommendation letter. Plus I have an older brother who is settled in Australia and I am the only daughter here with my parents so I’ll be back at any cost after I finish up with my studies. I am most connected with my grandmother who is already 80 years old, and I wish to return back home be here with my granny to look after her in her hard times.

**46. Why should i give you the visa? What qualities do you have?**

-I am passionate about bringing about a change in the field of health and development in my country, by studying international development studies and I want to gain more knowledge in it. There are not many experts in this field in Nepal. The knowledge I’ll gain while studying in Clark University will help me stand out once I return to Nepal.

**47. Tell me something about your family business?**

- Our family business is 30 years old and it runs by the name MAHALAXMI JEWELERS. My father is the owner of the business and my mother helps my father in running the business too. Our business is of jewelries mainly, gold, silver and diamonds. Our shop is one of the oldest and most trusted jewelry shops back in my hometown Ilam. The annual income of our family from the jewelry shop is 35-40 lakhs in NPR.

**48. How many people work at your shop?**

- There are 8 people working at our shop in the department of jewelry designing, 2 people work in the account section and 3 of them work in the front desk to showcase the jewelry.

**49. How did you apply?**

-I applied by corresponding with my admissions advisor. First I emailed the graduate admissions committee about being interested in the particular course and then I filled out the application form online, attached the necessary documents along with my statement of purpose and waited for the university’s response. I heard back from the university after a month and got my I20 issued.

**50. Who did you correspond with?**

-I corresponded with my admissions advisor **Nathan Cruz** who is an International students’ advisor in Clark University and my professor Laurie Ross, A professor of community development studies.

**51. What does SEVIS stands for?**

-The term **SEVIS** stands for **Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.**

52. Where did you fill your SEVIS and DS160 From?

- I filled my SEVIS and DS160 form by myself in my own laptop.

53. Did you receive any scholarship? How did you get it?

- Yes, I did receive a merit based scholarship of 60%. Merit based scholarships were given to candidates based on their GPA and I also mentioned about my goals and my interest along with the scholarship that I was interested in at my statement of purpose, that is how I got this scholarship.

**54. What is your future plan?**

- My future plan is to return back to my country after I finish my masters and work with different NGOs and INGOs as a project manager for the project of health and development, explore more and gain some experience and then I plan to work with the policy makers to make better policies in the field of health.

**56. What will you do if I don’t issue you this Visa?**

- Since, there is no obligation to how many times you can give your interview, I’ll surely try my best again by being well prepared. Plus, I have commitments that I have to take care of, which I’ll be doing in the meantime.

**57. What will you do during long vacations?**

-I’ll take time to explore the city, travel around, make friends, work if I get any kind of part time job or volunteering job, and try to communicate with the locals as much as possible to learn about the cultural diversity there.

**58. Why do you have this gap?**

- I have this gap because I took time for myself to research for what I actually want to pursue as my career and also I took time to prepare for my English proficiency test.

**59. How many siblings do you have?**

-I have one sibling who is my elder brother; he is studying Masters of sociology at Australia.

**60. How is your family going to afford expenses for all your siblings?**

- My elder sibling is well settled in Australia as he has been there since 2013 and works in one of the most reputed Hotels i.e. The Crown as an assistant manager. So, my father doesn’t have to look after my sibling’s expenses.

**61. How can you assure that the documents that you have brought along with you are not fake?**

- I can assure that the documents I’ve bought with me are not fake as each and every document has an official stamp from their respective areas and also has an official email and phone numbers attached which makes it easy to double check any time to know whether it is real or fake.

**62. How will your family finance you once you have run out of your bank money?**

- If incase I run out of my bank money my family will finance me by any possible means as my father has a saving of more than $95,000 in NABIL bank in joint account of my grandmother and my father, which can be used as an alternative if I run out of my finances.

**63. How will your study help your country and yourself after you return back?**

- The course that I’ve chosen has a very unique course domains, I can study about policy, advocacy, social work, project management, and many other fields all in this particular course. After studying this course I can come back and work with different governmental and non-governmental organizations plus I can also help to add this subject in our curriculum by the help of the knowledge that I’ll gain by studying in this university.

**64. Why did you change your major?**

- I changed my major and planned to study International development and not nursing for my graduate studies because, after I finished my nursing degree I worked as a field supervisor for a health project which made me realize the necessity for the front-line workers to be actively involved in the formulation of plans and policies, so in-order to get involved the knowledge in this subject is a must which is the main reason why I changed my major.

**65. How do you manage to adjust in this new major? Are you confident about it?**

- Yes, I’m very confident that I can manage to adjust in this new major as, this is not a complete new major for me as I am very familiar to some of the courses which comes under this program, such as community and global health, health equity, climate change etc. I’ll spare time to get involved in extra classes and devote my entire time and dedication to understand this major, I won’t be hesitant to ask queries if I get confused and maintain a consistent communication with my peers to gain that understanding level.