

Patrick D. Smith - Story

After graduating with a baccalaureate degree in nursing from Villanova University in 2016, Patrick served with Partners in Health in Lesotho on a Fulbright Student Research Grant. Patrick developed and implemented a research project to determine the impact village health workers have on the accessibility and quality of primary healthcare services. Partners in Health offered Patrick employment at the conclusion of his Fulbright award. This demonstrates Patrick's intelligence and resourcefulness as a well-prepared nurse, able to design and implement an independent research project in a Southern African nation.

Currently, Patrick works as a nurse in an underserved area of Boston. He delivers primary care and public health nursing to address the chronic illness and acute care needs of a diverse urban population. Patrick has been motivated to further address the needs of those most vulnerable by pursuing graduate education in health policy.