



Meet Our UN Representatives: Patrick Chiu

Patrick is committed to strengthening nursing, health systems, and public policy through policy leadership. As a global profession, he believes that nursing at the local level has significant influence on global priorities, and global policy has a direct impact on nursing care, health service delivery, and public policy within nurses' respective regions. With more than 27 million nurses worldwide practicing in all facets of society, he is passionate about ensuring that nursing knowledge and expertise is central to decision making at all levels.

Patrick began his career at the bedside in a wide range of clinical settings. He has spent the most recent years of his career working in advocacy, professional practice, and policy roles within professional associations, regulatory bodies, and government. Currently, he works in professional regulation as Policy and Practice Consultant at the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta – a provincial nursing regulator in Canada. He has served on multiple committees and boards, and currently serves as the president-elect and governance chair of Mu Sigma Chapter, a member of the *Canadian Nurse Digital Journal* Editorial Advisory Board, an engagement lead for the Canadian Academy of Nursing's Community of Practice, and is a peer reviewer for multiple academic journals.

Patrick holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) from McMaster University, a Master of Public Health (MPH) from Simon Fraser University, and is currently a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate at the University of Alberta. His doctoral research focuses on examining how professional nursing associations engage in policy advocacy to identify ways to strengthen influence and impact. Patrick is an alumnus of the International Council of Nurses' (ICN) Global Nursing Policy Leadership Institute (GNPLI) and a Certified Global Nurse Consultant.

Patrick looks forward to working with Sigma's Global Initiatives Department, members, and partners worldwide to ensure that nurses' collective knowledge and expertise is represented and amplified at the highest levels of decision making within the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). With the COVID-19 pandemic and the release key global policy reports such as the WHO's *Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery* and the *State of the World's Nursing Report*, he believes that there is a significant window of opportunity for the nursing profession to strengthen its position in shaping and leading global policy agendas while embedding the UN's sustainable development agenda in research, practice, education, administration, and policy initiatives locally and globally.