



Dawn Fitzgerald earned her master's degree in nursing from Columbia University, where she is currently pursuing her doctorate as a family nurse practitioner with a subspecialty in women's health. Dawn started nursing as a second career after finding a passion for healthcare and witnessing the impact nurses can have on patient outcomes.

Dawn's first degree is in anthropology, which fueled her love of learning and experiencing different cultures and led her to travel extensively before she obtained her nursing license. Through her travels, Dawn became fascinated with global healthcare, and while completing her RN degree was chosen to go to Mekelle, Ethiopia for her nursing integration. In Ethiopia, Dawn was able to experience working within another healthcare system, where she worked primarily on a medicine floor and in a women's health clinic.

Dawn is committed to the UN's 2030 goals and is especially passionate about gender equality. She is actively involved in promoting the empowerment of women and girls and serves in a leadership position in the organization Girls2Women, which focuses on keeping girls in school through menstrual hygiene education and the creation of their own reusable menstrual pads. Dawn is also involved in her university's student-led organization focused on global healthcare and promoting student engagement in global affairs.