

NARAP Research Associate Alumni

Where Are They Now

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Alyssa Kick Dahl

- **School Attended:** Loyola University - Maryland
- **NARAP Affiliate Hospital:** St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT
- **Research Associate Years:** 2011

Where is Alyssa now?

Following her graduation from Loyola University, Alyssa completed a Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology at the SUNY Albany School of Public Health. She is currently working full-time as a Principal Healthcare Informatics Analyst at Healthcare Association of NY State, a for-profit data group, analyzing measures of patient care quality and helping academic medical centers with bundled payment models. Alyssa is also now pursuing her PhD in epidemiology.

What Alyssa says about the NARAP Research Associates Program

My work on the Tobacco Cessation study reflects that many principles of the RA Program are public health oriented. I find that it had a good public health orientation of research ethics and how you learn to approach people, plus integrity in data collection. Prior to the RA Program I didn't really know that the public health field existed, but the RA Program, coupled with other experiences, really helped expose me to the field.