



**Illinois ENA State Council  
Member Spotlight  
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Patrick Murray, RN



It is IL ENA's pleasure to introduce to you a newer member to our organization. One way of introducing Patrick was by asking him to be in our member spotlight. We hope you enjoy getting to know him!

**Why did you become involved in the IL Emergency Nurses Association?**

I became involved with the ENA because I was an Emergency Department Technician and I wanted to understand the Best practices to care for my patients. During nursing school, I found my that the lectures didn't satisfy my desire to understand the science and research behind emergency nursing.

**What is your favorite part about being a student member of the IL Emergency Nurses Association?**

Other than the discounted price, I love access to the Journal of Emergency Nursing. I am addicted to dissecting research to provide the best care. Additionally, learning research methodology has helped me to design research studies with a goal of bringing common-sense evidenced based practice to the field.

**When and why did you decide to pursue a career in nursing?**

I decided to become a nurse around the second year of being an ED Tech. I could not advance anymore as an EMT-B as I was providing the pinnacle of care as one. One day I had a geriatric patient who was afraid of being transferred from an EMS stretcher, and I was able to make her feel safe. when a nurse and I walked out of the room, the nurse stated, "your good at flirting with old ladies, you should be a nurse." I realized I find

fulfillment by ensuring that the sick, the lonely, and frightened are confident that someone truly cares and is advocating for them.

**Who has been the most influential person in your student nursing career and why?**

Morgan Gaede BSN is my Partner and best friend. She has been my rock during nursing school. She is my role model for the emergency Nurse I will strive to be. I love her, and I am beyond thankful for her support these last four years.

**How do you plan to contribute to the IL Emergency Nurses Association?**

I plan to help advance nursing practice through research. Additionally, I plan on working with Nursing Schools to get more student nurses involved with ENA. I also hope to join the evidence-based practice committee.

**Share with us something about you that most people don't know.**

I'm currently on my 7th year in the IL Army National Guard as both a HAZMAT and auto mechanic. I'm an Elected Board member of the American Legion Tattler Post 973 which is one of the youngest fastest growing Post in the Nation.