



## Pauline Voon

Pauline Voon is currently a PhD student with the School of **Population and Public Health at UBC**. She is also a **Research Associate with the Addiction and Urban Health Research Initiative**, and an **Addiction Nursing Fellow with the St. Paul's Hospital Goldcorp Fellowship in Addiction Medicine**. Her **doctoral research focusses chronic pain among people** who use illicit drugs, prescription opioid misuse, HIV/AIDS, and addiction treatment.

Pauline earned a BSc in Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta before coming to UBC to earn her BSN in 2010. During her time at UBC, she worked as a Research Assistant with Dr. Jennifer Baumbusch on a health promotion study, and assisted in identifying and developing community-based project opportunities for the nursing capstone course.

After graduation, Pauline travelled to Ethiopia where she undertook a six-month internship with the Canadian Nurses Association, working with Ethiopian nurses to address the health challenges of patients living with HIV/AIDS. Upon her return to Vancouver, she took a position as a Registered Nurse with Providence Health Care, working with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. She continues to work with patients with HIV/AIDS today, focussing her nursing practice on health promotion among vulnerable populations with complex health issues including HIV/AIDS and addiction.

In 2014, Pauline started an MSc with the School of Population and Public Health, which quickly transitioned to a PhD program. Her research is conducted with the CIHR and US NIH funded Vancouver Injection Drugs Users Study (VIDUS) and AIDS Care Cohort to Evaluate Access to Survival Services (ACCESS) cohort studies.

Pauline has won several awards for her research, leadership and academic achievements, including the Frederick Banting and Charles Best Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Dorothy J. Kergin Fellowship from the Canadian Nurses Foundation, the Young Investigator Award from the American Pain Society, and the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Award from the University of British Columbia. She has numerous first-author publications in leading international peer-reviewed journals and serves on the American Pain Society's Clinical Guidelines and Resources Committee and Early Career Advisory Group.