

# Kristin Villas

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Kristin Villas is serving as an intern this summer for both the Washington State Board of Health and the Washington State Department of Health. Kristin brings project management, relationship building, program evaluation, and policy research and writing experience to her internship. Kristin will work with the Board to complete Health Impact Reviews and to create a database to track HIR research. Additionally, she will partner with Gail Brandt from the Department of Health to analyze staff responses to health equity questions on bill analyses conducted during the 2015 legislative session. Kristin will work with analysts to determine training needs and will develop recommendations to improve the process and responses for future legislative sessions.

Kristin is in the process of completing the Master in Public Administration program at the University of Washington where she is concentrating on health care policy. She received an undergraduate degree in History and Women's Studies from Seattle University in 2009. While at Seattle University, Kristin served as a peer health educator for the Office of Wellness and Health promotion. Prior to starting the MPA program, Kristin worked for 3 years in purchasing for Costco Wholesale's International Division where she supplied Costco's Non-North American warehouses with pantry foods and sporting goods. In her free time, Kristin volunteered for Lifelong Aids Alliance and served as an organizer for a Seattle running group. Kristin decided to pursue an MPA so that she could work to promote health and wellness policies as a career and is excited to learn from her work with the Board this summer.