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Nguyen K. Tran (he/him), PhD, MPH is a social epidemiologist with The PRIDE Study at Stanford University School of Medicine. In his current role, he applies his training in epidemiology, data science, and causal inference to conduct and support community-engaged research that addresses the health priorities of LGBTQIA+ communities, with the goal of advancing health equity for these populations. Substantively, this work focuses on the social and structural influences on healthcare access, mental health, and infectious diseases. Methodologically, he is interested in epidemiologic and statistical approaches for reducing bias in observational research.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PostDoc, Stanford University (2023)
- Doctor of Philosophy, Drexel University (2022)
- Master of Public Health, Drexel University (2018)
- Bachelor of Science, University of Texas at Austin (2016)

LINKS

- PRIDE Study Profile: <https://pridestudy.org/team>

Publications

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