

Dr. Patrick Nhigula



Dr. Patrick Nhigula is a Lecturer at University of South Carolina (USC), Department of Management Science, Darla Moore School of Business and his also an assistant professor at South University(SU) in Columbia, South Carolina where he focuses on teaching management science, healthcare management, health science, and information technology courses. Dr. Nhigula also serves as an advisor in healthcare management programs in the same institution.

Prior to joining University of South Carolina and South University, he worked for the Blue Cross Shield of South Carolina as a technical analyst where he coordinated Medicare and Medicaid contracts for the health insurance firm between 2006 and 2011.

Dr. Patrick Nhigula serves as an Interim President and advisor for Association of Central and East African Diasporas, non-profit organization in Columbia, South Carolina. He helps to coordinating and planning the Refugees from DRC Congo who resettled in Columbia, South Carolina to navigate healthcare system, social services, and legal system. In addition, Dr. Nhigula coordinated this year 2019 back to school bash. This including distribution of school supplies for youth refugees in preparation for the 2019-2020 school term.

Dr. Nhigula has served two terms as a board member for South Carolina African American HIV/AIDS Council, a non-profit organization in Columbia, South Carolina. He has also served three terms as a board member for International Council of African Professionals, non-profit organization.

From 2018-Present, on the voluntarily bases Dr. Nhigula has been assisting the Congolese-Refugees in Columbia, South Carolina to navigate the South Carolina healthcare systems, Department of social services, Department of Motor Vehicles, and Office of Social Security (SSI). Dr. Nhigula has also facilitated to create an association for the Congolese-Refugees who are living in Columbia, South Carolina.

From 2015-Present, Dr. Nhigula has appeared at various radio and television programs as guest speaker for the Voice of America Washington Bureau (VOA-SWAHILI) and Deutsche Welle Radio (DW-Swahili) in German ,where he discusses topics on healthcare, education, economy, political, and social.

Dr. Nhigula has served five years as an advisor for School Improvement Council (SIC) for the Dutch Folk Elementary School and Cross Road Intermediate Middle School in Irmo, South Carolina. He helps to planning and coordinating the school policies and programs.

Between 2000 and 2006, as a Senior Network Support Analyst at Spirit Telecom, Dr. Nhigula coordinated and managed advanced telecommunication projects. He also served as a technical trainer for the same firm where he successfully coordinated training for clients. Prior to joining the telecommunication industry, Dr. Nhigula worked at the South Carolina Department of Social Services as Technical Support where he helped to implement different advanced technology systems in both hardware and software.

Dr. Nhigula has participated as keynote speaker at the 2018 newly launched the Swahili Society USA in Washington D.C, where he spoke on significant important of Swahili-language and diaspora diplomacy as relate to economic buying power.

Dr. Nhigula has participated as guest speaker at various events including the 2014 convention of the Diaspora Council of Tanzanians in America, where he spoke on healthcare management system.

Dr. Patrick has a combined practical experience and background in both health science and information technology. He received his doctorate in public health with specialization in Epidemiology from Walden University. He has done work and research on various health programs at the community and national level. He also received Masters of Science in public Health from the same institution. Dr. Nhigula also holds a master degree in Information systems management from Webster University and a bachelor degree in Applied Mathematics from Allen University in South Carolina. He received different technology certifications and credentials in information technology including CISCO and Microsoft Certified Professional.