

touchpoints

UBC School of Nursing



On the Threshold of Change—

Vancouver's nursing leaders gaze into the crystal ball at Nursing's future and UBC Nursing's role.

Nurses in the future will be independent practitioners, working in hospitals as fully recognized partners in care and tending to clients in the community through health and illness. They will treat and educate people hundreds of miles away via video monitors on their computer screens. Health organizations will be closely linked for improved health care delivery. Nurses will be revered as essential to the health care system.

This forecast is not so improbable given the advances in technology and rapid changes in health care delivery. What may be difficult is for nurses, policy makers and educators to think proactively about the future when overwhelmed by current and projected staff shortages and financial crunches.

Some of Vancouver's nursing planners, including Director of UBC Nursing Katharyn May, are optimistic about the future. Despite the formidable challenges ahead, they anticipate that the nursing profession will come into its own in five to ten years. And while UBC Nursing struggles with its own shortages and budget cuts, the School is determined to be a major player in facilitating that projection.

"Nursing scholarship is a key factor in professional growth and development," says Dr. May. "The School of Nursing has been making strides over the last five years to redefine that connection in education and student placement, and faculty practice and support at the advanced level."

Two years ago, the School overhauled its undergraduate program in response to mounting interest from applicants with advanced education. One option of the new Multiple Entry Option (MEO)

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After overseeing five years of faculty initiatives at UBC Nursing, Director Dr. Katharyn May is prepared for the challenges ahead and determined that the School will be a major player in facilitating a promising future.

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Program concentrates nursing study within two years to attract mature students and reduce the time it takes to begin their careers.

The School also responded to the profession's growing demand for advanced practice nurses by shifting its concentration to address this area in its Masters Program. Its research funding has jumped more than 400 percent over the last decade, and a new Office of Nursing Research was established in 1996 to further develop and promote nursing research and scholarship.

Since the mid-1990s, UBC Nursing has expanded its ties with hospitals and health units and established faculty practice sites at UBC campus and the Downtown Eastside.

"Through Katharyn (May)'s influence, the thrust of the School toward Ph.D. and graduate level activities has helped the nursing community at St. Paul's Hospital question and push the boundaries of nursing theory," says Lynette Best,

Professional Practice Leader, Nursing, Providence Health Care.

Best and her colleagues in Vancouver's health community speak enthusiastically about the School's initiatives, but feel that UBC Nursing could go further.

Health units want the School to extend its practice activities beyond the campus and downtown communities to assist more areas. St. Paul's and Vancouver Hospital have expressed interest in on-site classes that the School would administer within the hospitals or downtown core. Such a move would offer registered nurses the convenience of work-site education and increased contact with faculty who are advanced practitioners.

There is also a need for UBC Nursing to bring the advanced knowledge and skill of faculty to the practice environment with greater facility, and address the deficit of faculty with advanced skills in the adult specialties.

While UBC Nursing would like to be more responsive to the needs of the health care community, it is limited by a lack of resources, a result of university-wide budget cuts. Since 1985, the faculty complement has been reduced by more than half. That has had a serious impact on enrolment, culminating in a 50 percent reduction of students in the BSN program.

Clinical practice leaders appreciate the obstacles faced by UBC Nursing. They will soon deal with the worst shortage of nurses since the Second World War. The majority of nurses near retirement and many young nurses are leaving the province for attractive job opportunities elsewhere. Coupled with limited funds and resources, the profession appears crippled in a vicious circle.

It is a position that Mary Ferguson-Paré challenges the health sector and UBC Nursing to turn around. "We have to end this victimization mindset that is paralyzing service delivery and use the resources that we have now," says the Vice-President of Professional Affairs, Human Resources & Organizational Development at Vancouver Hospital.

According to her, the current crisis is changing the face of the profession. Nursing must evaluate where it is heading and prepare now.

With the projected demand for nurses, she and her colleagues fear that there will be a push to introduce lesser-prepared workers to replace the dwindling supply of registered nurses. They foresee that the remaining registered nurses will need to be advanced practitioners able to oversee and supervise a variety of care providers, as well as provide direct care and services to clients and families in a wide range of settings.

This shift implies a mounting demand for practitioners prepared at the undergraduate and graduate level. Says Dr. May, "In the decade ahead, I wouldn't be surprised if UBC Nursing initiates the first professional doctorate in Canada that moves nursing in parallel structure with medicine, dentistry and pharmaceutical sciences."

Dr. Ferguson-Paré challenges the School to "go there now" "I think there needs to be a quantum leap to the future of practice and you start by developing educational programs now that are futuristic rather than present-focused. Develop the future vision, test what the leaders in BC and other jurisdictions are saying, and educate for that now," she says.

She and her colleagues agree that future planning must stem from a concentrated collaborative effort at the practice and academic levels. Several recent meetings brought together representatives from schools of nursing, governments, unions, practice and clinical agencies to discuss human resource planning in light of the nursing shortage.

"Those discussions are at the beginning stages now and will probably continue and become more deliberate and focused. We can't afford to be separate anymore. We have to be partners," says Heather Mass, Chief of Nursing at Children's & Women's Health Centre for British Columbia.

Initial dialogue around future planning is occurring between UBC Nursing and its clinical partners, and plans are underway to establish an advisory board to formalize these links and facilitate feedback.

Development looks forward to Anniversary Year

The 80th Anniversary celebrations will include several fundraising projects that are targeted toward leaving a permanent legacy for the School. The planning for these legacies is underway and we look forward to unveiling them in the next issue of Touchpoints.

UBC Nursing welcomes its new Senior Development Officer, Robert Appleton. Mr. Appleton was the Regional Development Officer for the BC Cancer Foundation. He replaces Simone Carnogie who is now with the Central Development Office at the University of Calgary.

For further information on fundraising projects and donation opportunities please contact Rob Appleton at 822-0603 or rappleton@apsc.ubc.ca.

Despite impending shortages and decreasing funds, these leaders anticipate that through the ensuing need for nurses there will be greater awareness of the profession's invaluable contribution to health care.

"The role of nursing is going to continue to evolve and become more appreciated than it has in recent times. Historically, the role of nursing has been valued. Nurses have substantial skills and abilities that will become more recognized as the health care system becomes more complex," says Lynn Buhler of Operational Planning, Community Health Services at the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board.

Dr. May hopes that this recognition will carry over into education. "The province has tended to overlook the astonishing resource that is present not just at UBC Nursing, but all three university programs in BC," she says. "That's going to have to turn around. Given the opportunity, we have some powerful contributions to make."

Xi Eta is about to turn 10

The Xi Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honour society, is approaching its ten-year milestone. Xi Eta, formally chartered in 1994, was originally conceived as the "Nursing Honour Society" in 1990 for leadership in scholarship.

Sigma Theta Tau exists to promote nursing scholarship, communicate the often-elusive relationships between research and practice, and influence policy. Xi Eta fulfills this function at a regional level by sponsoring the annual Ethel Johns Research Day, hosting events featuring nursing leaders, and offering bursary assistance to students.

Xi Eta will feature guest speaker Laurel Brunke, Executive Director, RNABC at its Spring Dinner and Annual General Meeting, held at Picasso Café on April 22nd. Her topic is "As We Move to the New Millennium: A Personal Vision of Nursing."

For more information, contact Dr. Sonia Acorn at 822-7457 or sacorn@unixg.ubc.ca.



Director's Note

Nursing education is a focus of public attention, perhaps as it has never been before. I am pleased to say that the School is well positioned to meet the challenges ahead. Its recent activities are consistent with the University's vision of the future, outlined in the Trek 2000 document released several months ago. It is exciting to see how well the strategic directions of the School, set almost three years ago, articulate with the University's new guiding principles.

UBC Nursing is preparing nurses for the health care system of today and tomorrow. Employers are actively recruiting our baccalaureate graduates, and we have almost three times as many qualified BSN applicants as we can accommodate. Our MSN and Ph.D. graduates choose from a growing number of opportunities in advanced practice, system leadership and academic nursing.

A generous gift from Dr. Helen Mussallem has strengthened the School's capacity to prepare nursing leaders of the future. The creation of the Helen K. Mussallem Endowment Fund, launched at the Alumni Reception in April of this year, will provide much-needed financial support for students engaged in professional association activities.

Faculty and students have set new directions in research and practice in health promotion and risk reduction with vulnerable populations. Profiled elsewhere in this issue is the work of Drs. Joy Johnson and Pamela Ratner—a program of research directed at smoking cessation. UBC Nursing is also working with the Downtown East Side community—providing services for the mentally ill who are homeless, and evaluating the Street Nurses program for the Vancouver/Richmond Regional Health Board.

UBC Nursing is reaching out to its alumni and friends to ensure a vibrant future. The School relies on its alumni and friends who donate their time as adjunct faculty—teaching in courses and serving on graduate committees, as mentors—working with undergraduate students as they forge new identities as professional nurses, or as active alumni association members. While our alumni association members are dedicated allies, they number just over 100. The School's active alumni base must grow if we are to continue our leadership in nursing education in the future.

On the threshold of the next century, as the School celebrates its 80th anniversary year, I invite you to 'take a new look'...and join the faculty, staff, students and alumni as they write the next chapter in UBC Nursing's brilliant future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn May".

KATHARYN MAY, D.N.Sc., R.N., F.A.A.N.
Director and Professor

BC's Campaign Against Youth Smoking Takes a New Turn

It seems that British Columbians are increasingly taking measures to stop smoking, thanks in part to an aggressive campaign by the BC Ministry of Health to limit the use of tobacco and advertise its dangers. But as adults struggle to end their addiction to a product cited as the leading cause of lung disease and cancer, kids as young as 12 years old are increasingly taking up the habit.

Why does one teenager in five smoke despite warnings and intervention strategies? Researchers at UBC School of Nursing and the Centre for Community Child Health Research (CCCHR) have uncovered some answers that may point policy makers in the right direction.

Up until now, smoking intervention strategies directed at youth have centred on primary prevention—stopping kids from smoking their first cigarette.



Drs. Pam Ratner, Jean Shoveller, Chris Lovato and Joy Johnson are co-investigating one of the first studies on secondary prevention and tobacco use among teenagers. Their work has caught the attention of the BC Ministry of Health, which is aggressively campaigning to undermine smoking behaviour in the province.

Little attention has been paid to the two-year period when a teenager experiments with cigarettes and becomes a regular smoker. Even less has been paid to differences between adult and youth behaviour around tobacco.

Through a grant from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, Drs. Joy Johnson (BSN '81) and Pam Ratner, faculty members at the School, and Drs. Jean Shoveller and Chris Lovato, faculty in the Department of Health Care & Epidemiology and the CCCHR, have completed a study that examines the transition from experimentation to regular smoking.

The investigators reviewed available research on this topic and analyzed data from a recent provincial survey. In addition, they conducted seven focus groups of participants 18 to 26 years of age in Prince George, Kamloops, Victoria and North Vancouver.

Some of the emerging findings, though they require further study, are starting to stir considerable interest from the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Ministry of Health.

One finding that surprised the investigators is the assumption of young people that they will not become addicted to cigarettes. In fact, the majority of participants had a date or an age by which they intended not to smoke.

"The only way that youth can find consistency between smoking and seeing the warning messages on cigarettes and

advertisements is to say 'That's not going to happen to me. I'm in control of this. I will quit before any of that occurs,'" explains Dr. Ratner.

This is important information for the Ministry of Health. Its recent "Poster Child of the Tobacco Industry", which depicts a teenager marred by super-imposed images of health problems associated with smoking, may prove ineffective if youth believe that they will quit before reaching that stage.

How kids define their smoking behaviour is especially revealing. The participants rejected the terms "experimenter" and "smoker" that the investigators used to define them. Even youth who smoke regularly do not describe themselves as "smokers" but "social smokers".

While these teenagers fail to acknowledge that they have a problem, they recognize the signs of becoming addicted, such as not wanting to share their cigarettes, purchasing them for the first time, smoking alone and craving cigarettes.

Evidence also suggests that kids smoke not so much to rebel, as popularly believed, but to appear and feel "grown up". How parents respond to their children's smoking behaviour is therefore of critical importance.

Parents who send strong messages to their children to stop smoking are more successful in interrupting the transition from experimentation to addiction than parents who ignore or partially restrict the behaviour, according to the investigators.

Young people afraid of being caught tend to quit before making the transition to regular smoking. Young people whose parents smoke don't fare so well. Researchers cite accessibility of cigarettes and tendency towards acceptability of their use as primary reasons.

"Parents who smoke can still be powerful allies in helping their kids resist taking up tobacco as a regular habit," says Dr. Shoveller. "We heard stories from youth who had experimented but quit smoking that explained how their parents helped them quit before they became addicted. These parents gave strong and consistent negative messages about smoking."

80th Anniversary Launched

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

Not all findings are encouraging or surprising. "Some of these young people seem to have really rough futures ahead of them. Smoking is the least of their worries. In this instance we really need to address the larger social context," says Dr. Johnson.

There is strong evidence that smoking is divided along socio-economic lines. Youth who make the transition to regular smoking tend to be from low-income families, while those who quit usually have middle or upper-class backgrounds. There is also a definable link between class and geography. Youth from northern BC are more likely to continue to smoke than their southern counterparts. Cessation is less likely if youth use smoking as a coping mechanism.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Ministry of Health have lauded this study as an important step toward improved understanding of tobacco use among youth. They have also dubbed it "user-friendly" thanks to regular contact between the investigators and the Foundation's Advisory Committee and the blending of qualitative and quantitative methodology.

The investigators are developing several proposals for more in-depth qualitative and quantitative inquiry with attention to individual narratives on becoming a smoker, and developing measures of dependency that are relevant for youth.

The study has been a positive first time collaborative experience for UBC Nursing and the CCCHR, part of the BC Research Institute for Children's and Women's Health. With several spin-off studies in the works, the investigators look forward to further co-investigation.

"It is important to think about how centres, departments and schools at UBC can work collaboratively," says Dr. Lovato, Associate Director of the CCCHR. "Developing this kind of relationship has been productive because we are working with quality researchers such as Pam Ratner and Joy Johnson. This has been a very good experience for us."

For more information contact the Office of Nursing Research at 822-7453 or onr@nursing.ubc.ca.



The 80th Anniversary of UBC Nursing got off to a resounding start at the Faculty

of Applied Science Dinner held February 25 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Dean Isaacson's announcement of the School's upcoming commemorative year was met with applause and enthusiasm by faculty from Nursing, Engineering and Architecture, along with alumni and external associates who were honoured that night.

The dinner, intended to bring together members of faculty and the outreach community, was an appropriate venue for the anniversary launch. For UBC Nursing, this anniversary is an opportunity to build stronger ties with its graduates and clinical partners.

Among the speakers of the evening were President Martha Piper, Dean Isaacson and Kelli Stajduhar, a candidate in her second year of a Doctoral degree in Nursing.

"On behalf of our director Katharyn May and faculty and students at UBC, I invite you to join us in our celebrations and discover all that the School of Nursing has to offer," said Stajduhar, indicating the School's Anniversary slogan, *Take a New Look*.

The slogan is designed to encourage alumni and the health community to not only celebrate a milestone, but appreciate the School's role as a leader in nursing education as it embarks on a new century and millennium.

Part of the mandate of the 80th Anniversary Committee, chaired by alumna and nursing leader Pat Wadsworth (BSN '55, MA '70), is to increase alumni participation and donations through awareness of the School's accomplishments, activities and potential.

The Anniversary Committee has prepared a schedule of events for Alumni month,

October 1999. Anniversary celebrations will take place during Alumni Day on October 2nd and the Marion Woodward Lecture, October 21st. A major fundraising dinner is planned during Nursing Week in May 2000.

Committee members look forward to the celebrations ahead and hope the anniversary will leave a lasting legacy. While raising funds to support students and the School, the Committee also encourages alumni and friends to actively promote UBC Nursing.

"I hope that we are able to establish a network of people as friends to raise the visibility of the School," says Wadsworth. "When the School looks good, it reflects well on alumni, and vice versa. There are many alumni who have done extremely well and the School should capitalize on that."

"If the 80th Anniversary is successful, it should bring together an eclectic group of people and get them thinking and hoping and speaking about the future of nursing," adds Kris Gustavson (BSN '86), President of the Nursing Alumni Division and a committee member.

Working with Gustavson and Wadsworth on the Committee are Robert Appelton, Jenise Brouse (BSN '83, MSN '85), Cathy Ebbehoj (BSN '75), Hillary Gosselin, Dasha Kvyatkovski, Judith MacDonald (MSN '76), Jane Merling, Joanne Ricci (BSN '75, MSN '77), Tere Rostworowski, Helen Shore (BSN '61, MA '71), Vickie Smye, Leslie Stuart, Ethel Warbinek (BSN '57, MSN '77) and Glennis Zilm (BSN '58).

The success of the Anniversary depends on attendance and volunteer assistance. The Committee encourages the support and enthusiasm of alumni, associations and agencies.

For more information on anniversary celebrations and to volunteer, contact 822-7468 or the UBC Nursing Web Site at www.nursing.ubc.ca.

Perceptions of Preceptorship

Lately the buzz around UBC is Trek 2000. It's a vision statement drawn up by President Martha Piper and the campus community to respond to changes in society and catapult UBC to be a pre-eminent university in Canada. Part of its message is that learners should be provided with community contact and "hands-on" and mentorship experiences.

If the University is looking for a model, it need go no further than the preceptorship course at UBC Nursing. A mandatory part of a nursing student's education, the course offers fourth year undergraduate students invaluable clinical experience under the guidance of a registered nurse.

Preceptorships are unique opportunities for students to work along side mentors to consolidate skills and gain much needed confidence prior to beginning their careers. They are therefore of critical importance to students like Laurie Barclay.

Barclay took her preceptorship at the Leukemia Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Unit, East 6 at Vancouver Hospital under the supervision of Laura Kennedy (BSN '94), an alumna and registered nurse on the Unit. Nurses like Kennedy

volunteer to be preceptors and are essential players in nursing education.

"Learning how Laura reacted to certain situations was a key factor in building my confidence," says Barclay. "It was about watching her and getting feedback when I performed a skill or made a judgement. By the end, I felt that I was on the way."

"I think without that final preceptorship there is no chance to pull your knowledge and practice together," adds Kennedy. "Your day starts off with head to toe assessments, but before that you gather data to prioritize. You learn how to organize your day, and a new nurse cannot do that by looking it up in a book the night before."

The mentorship relationship provided Barclay with a safe environment to admit uncertainty and to ask questions. Barclay also gained confidence in her communication with physicians and other health professionals.

"The working relations and teamwork among disciplines on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit are excellent. I developed the confidence to ask questions and share information and I felt that my input was valuable," says Barclay.

Barclay spent 120 hours at Leukemia BMT on day and night shifts. Up until her preceptorship, she was on a unit a day and a half per week during her regular fourth year clinical course. The intensive work period afforded her the time to work closely with patients and make in-depth decisions about their care. With the new Multiple Entry Option Program that is currently phasing in, students will spend even more time with patients in both their clinical course and preceptorship experiences.

Barclay and Kennedy met three times with faculty member Anne Wyness to discuss Barclay's learning objectives. "If we needed support and advice, Anne Wyness was certainly there. Our meetings allowed us to set aside the time to sit down and talk about the work and objectives," says Kennedy.

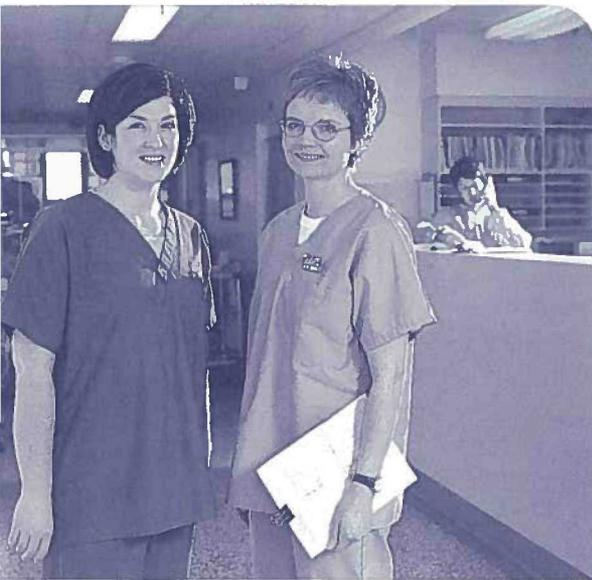
Because preceptorships are mentorship experiences, the relationship between the student and preceptor is vital. Barclay feels fortunate to have been placed with Kennedy, who went to UBC. In fact, it was a little like following in her footsteps. Kennedy also did her preceptorship at Leukemia BMT and therefore could empathize with Barclay as she struggled to understand her work environment.

While Barclay was learning from her mentor, Kennedy was learning from her. "The best way to learn something is to teach it. It helps me review my own practice and question the things we do," says Kennedy. "Laurie was particularly good in that respect because she asked lots of questions that I couldn't easily answer."

The preceptorship experience is a win-win situation. The major teaching hospitals in Vancouver work in partnership with UBC Nursing as well as other educational institutions. They tend to hire the students who take their preceptorships in their wards. In fact, the Leukemia BMT recently hired Barclay as a casual nurse.

"Everyone that works there is receptive to answering questions and providing feedback," adds Barclay. "It is a great learning environment. It challenged me and made me feel excited about nursing and where I could go in the profession."

Barclay strives to be an expert nurse. But first things first. In the following few years, she will continue to develop her skills and knowledge base at Leukemia BMT. And when she feels ready, she will probably follow Kennedy's footsteps once more by offering her guidance to young nurses just starting out.



Laurie Barclay (L) with Laura Kennedy (R) at the Leukemia Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, East 6, Vancouver Hospital. Preceptorships are unique opportunities for students to work along side mentors to consolidate skills and gain much needed confidence.

Plans Ahead: *A Word* from your Nursing Alumni Division

The UBC Nursing Alumni has made great strides in creating linkages between the alumni, the School of Nursing and students. In celebration of the 80th Anniversary of UBC Nursing, we encourage you, as alumni, to “take a new look” at the School—at its changes in the recent past and its plans for the future.

Members of the alumni executive are working in partnership with the School to arrange anniversary events and activities. We are also, as always, arranging and promoting events for members, and students embarking on their careers.

We present, in co-sponsorship with the School of Nursing, the Annual Alumni Celebration Event, held this year at the new University Centre on April 16th. This general meeting and reception will launch the Helen Mussallem Endowment Fund and honour three distinguished alumni. They include Doreen Hatton,

CNS, Diabetes Program, Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC—Award of Distinction; Pat Wadsworth, Chair, 80 Anniversary Committee—Alumni Recognition Award; and Mary Paone, CNS, Youth Services, Children's and Women's—Young Alumni Award.

In the up-coming months the Nursing Alumni Division will also:

- Sponsor a career planning, resume writing and interviewing skills event at Cecil Green Park on March 29th. Graduating students will hear from hiring authorities and recent graduates who will share their experiences.
- Be present at the university graduation ceremonies to provide our newest members with a university pin and welcome them into the Alumni.
- Sponsor “featured” special events for the 80th Anniversary on October 2nd, Alumni Day. Get involved—a little or a lot!

- Co-sponsor with the School of Nursing the Marion Woodward Lecture, October 21st. Speaker TBA.

Each of us plays an integral part in the future of our alma mater. With a goal to strengthen our membership, Cathy Ebbehoj has channelled her energy and enthusiasm to increase the membership of the Nursing Alumni Division. As incoming president, Cathy is asking for enthusiastic volunteers to form a Membership/Communication Committee. No experience is necessary. So “take a new look,” get involved.

Tours of the School can be arranged for reunions. Cathy can be reached at 822-7468 for more information. The Alumni Association will provide support in the planning of reunions and events. Just call Jane Merling at 822-8918.

Kris Gustavson
President, Nursing Alumni Division

School Celebrates **New International Partnership**

UBC Nursing is pleased to announce its partnership with the Guru Nanak College of Nursing, located in Dhahan Kaleran, Punjab, India. Preparations are underway to formalize this collaboration during a fundraising initiative held May 22 in the Great Hall of the Long House at UBC. Those planning to attend include leaders from the India branch of the Society, the Guru Nanak College of Nursing, and faculty of UBC Nursing.

Members of the Canada-India Guru Nanak Medical and Educational Society had approached UBC Nursing in 1997 to explore the possibility of a collaboration in which the School would assist the Guru Nanak College of Nursing develop a degree program of international quality.

The project began with the vision and enterprise of Mr. Budh Singh Dhahan. After raising his family in Vancouver

before returning to India, Mr. Dhahan appreciated the educational opportunities his children experienced in Canada. His dream was to provide health care facilities for the people in the rural Punjab and specifically to raise the educational status of girls.

To finance this project, he established the Canada-India Society in Vancouver in 1991. Its branch in India raised further funds and elicited donations of land from the adjoining villages of Dhahan and Kaleran. The Society was therefore able to build a small hospital, drug addiction rehabilitation facility, residences, school for girls from kindergarten to grade twelve, and school for nurses.

An intensive site visit took place in April 1998 by three faculty members, Gural Sandhu, Donelda Parker and Janet Ericksen and two Society members,

Barj Dhahan and Sarup Mann. On the basis of their report to faculty, the School approved formalization of this partnership. UBC Nursing is now engaged in a collaborative effort to extend the curriculum and teaching strategies at the College and involve UBC faculty in a model outreach initiative.

Adjunct Professor Dr. Beverly DuGas and senior undergraduate student Sukdev Grewal, as well as various members of the Society, have recently made visits to the site.

The Guru Nanak Partnership Advisory Committee, chaired by UBC faculty member Dr. Sally Thorne, was established to facilitate the orchestration of academic assistance and fund-raising for this long-term project.

CONGRATULATIONS

FACULTY AWARDS

- J. ANDERSON
UBC Killiam Memorial Faculty Research Fellowship, \$18,000.
- M. BOROZNY DURITY, J. FORD, R. HEWAT, L. LEONARD, M. J. RADFORD
Award of Excellence in Nursing Practice, RNABC.
- G. JOACHIM
Award of Excellence in Nursing Education, RNABC.
- P. RATNER, R. VAN DER WAL
Award of Excellence in Nursing Research, RNABC.
- S. THORNE
Award of Distinction in Nursing, RNABC.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- J. ANDERSON (PI), R. COLES, I. DYCK, A. HENDERSON, J. LYNAM, J. PERRY, J. BROUSE, J. FOLEY, P. SEMENIUK, L. SHAPERA
The hospitalization and help-seeking experiences of people from diverse ethno-cultural backgrounds. Medical Research Council of Canada (MRC), \$180,944.
- B. DAVIES (PI), S. WHITSETT
An exploration of fatigue in pediatric cancer patients. Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology, \$17,619.
- J. GILBERT, H. GOELMAN, R. SULLIVAN, J. ERICKSEN
Interdisciplinary perspectives on child and family health and well being. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), \$90,000.

- R. HEWAT (PI), C. LEVITT, M. FIELD, J. PEDDLEDEN
Implementation and evaluation of the Baby-Friendly Initiative in Canada. Population Health Fund of Health Canada, \$266,388.
- G. JOACHIM (PI), S. ACORN
Visibility/invisibility of chronic illness. Scleroderma Association, \$1,500.
- A. KAZANJIAN, H. CLARKE, S. ACORN, R. REID
Hospital and Patients Outcomes: A cross national study. BC Health Research Foundation, \$41,000.
- B. LONG (PI), W. HALL
A grounded theory study of clerical workers' experiences of workplace stress. SSHRC, \$110,000.
- J. McCORMICK, J. WAINES
Perceptions of family interactions following living related kidney transplantation. Kidney Foundation of Canada, \$24,000.
- B. PATERSON, S. THORNE, G. JOACHIM, C. CANAM
To study the concept of fatigue in Fibromyalgia in comparison to that in other chronic diseases. BC Fibromyalgia, \$9,007.
- B. PATERSON, S. THORNE, C. RUSSELL
Investigation of quality decision making in the everyday self-management of chronic illness. BC Medical Services Foundation, \$32,193.

APPOINTMENTS

- LYREN CHIU, RN, PH.D.
Assistant Professor. Appointed February 1999. Dr. Chiu specializes in psychiatric-mental health nursing. Before joining UBC, she was Assistant Professor at the Taiwan National University in Taipei.

UP-COMING EVENTS

April 17; 0830-1630

Living and Nursing Overseas.

Presented by Global Health Nurses' Group. Room 206, UBC School of Nursing. Admission is \$40, lunch and refreshments included. CONTACT: Donelda Parker, 822-7467 or dparker@interchange.ubc.ca.

April 28; 1600-1700

Nursing Rounds: *The Work and Impact of the AIDS Prevention Street Nurse.*

Speakers: Ann Hilton, Ph.D., Professor and Ray Thompson, Assistant Professor, UBC Nursing, and Laura Moore-Dempsey, Outreach Nursing Administrator, STD/AIDS Control, BC Centre for Disease Control Society. Ground Floor Lecture Theatre, G-279, Acute Care Unit, UBC Hospital Site. Admission is free. CONTACT: The Office of Nursing Research (ONR), 822-7453 or onr@nursing.ubc.ca.

May 31; 1230-1330

Research Colloquy

Transforming qualitative data to quantitative items: An illustration of the process. Wendy Hall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor. Room T167. CONTACT: The ONR.

May 31-June 4

1999 Spring Institute: *Structural Equation Modeling Using LISREL.*

Featuring Leslie Hayduk, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, University of Alberta. Sponsored by UBC School of Nursing and the Institute of Health Promotion Research. To register and for more information contact: www.nursing.ubc.ca/docs/inst/1999spr.html or the ONR.

October 2

Alumni Day

Topical discussions, showcases, campus tours and alumni lunch to honour UBC Alumni. UBC Nursing Anniversary celebrations. CONTACT: Alumni Association, 822-3313 or alumni@alumni.ubc.ca.

October 21

Marion Woodward Lecture

Speaker: TBA.

CONTACT: The ONR.

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