

# **Faculty of Nursing**

# **OVERVIEW**

The University of New Brunswick has been involved in the preparation of registered nurses since 1958. In 1995, the Master of Nursing program was established which helped stimulate efforts to strengthen the faculty's research. As the number of PhD prepared faculty increased, the volume and quality of nursing research has also increased. In their research, faculty members pursue excellence in discovery, innovation, and impact in order to advance the body of nursing knowledge and improve the health and wellness of individuals and populations.

# RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

- Effect of Chronic Illness (Physical & Mental) on Individuals and Families
- Health in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Communities
- Measurement of Health and Nursing Outcomes
- Leadership in Inter-professional Practice
- Innovations in Nursing Education
- Alternative Approaches to Healthcare Delivery
- · Violence, Gender, and Health

- Communicable Diseases (e.g., HIV) through a Sociocultural Lens
- Parenting and Children's Health
- Aboriginal Health and Wellness
- Living with Eating Disorders
- Philosophies and Ethics of Social Justice and Professional Practice
- Knowledge Mobilization
- Cancer Survivorship
- Healthy Aging

# **MAJOR PROJECTS**

# Violence, Gender, and Health

Researcher(s): Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey, Dr. Sue O'Donnell and Judith Wuest Co-Investigator(s): Dr. Marilyn Hodgins, Dr. Judith MacIntosh and Marilyn Merritt-Gray Increasing the understanding of the impact of lifetime violence and gender on the health of men.

Researcher(s): Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey and Dr. Sue O'Donnell

Co-Investigators: Dr. Marilyn Ford-Gilboe (Western University) and Dr. Colleen Varcoe (University of British Columbia)

Testing the effectiveness of an internet-based decision aid to enhance the safety behaviours and mental health of women experiencing intimate partner violence.

Researcher(s): Dr. Sue O'Donnell

Enhancing the understanding of workplace bullying and its impact. Developing and using innovative approaches to knowledge dissemination to make evidence based information more accessible.

Dr. O'Donnell developed a film that has received national and international attention, *Men are bullied too*, https://vimeo.com/100370073

# Improving Health Outcomes for Vulnerable Populations

Researcher(s): Dr. Tracey Rickards

Studying the effect of advanced nursing practice roles and outreach programs on the health outcomes of vulnerable populations.



#### **Chronic Mental Illness**

Researcher(s): Dr. Heather MacDonald

Improving the understanding of women who are attempting to re-enter the workforce after being off work due to depression, and developing strategies to assist them during workplace re-integration.

## **Cancer Survivorship**

Researcher(s): Dr. Krista Wilkins

Exploring aspects of people's experiences surviving cancer using innovative approaches for data collection including visual art, poetry, and stories.

## **Healthy Aging**

Researcher(s): Dr. Donna Bulman

Leading an investigation examining the experiences of family members caring for individuals living with memory loss and their efforts to access needed services within the community.

Researcher(s): Dr. Kathleen Valentine

Building capacity to improve senior care and promote healthy aging.

# **FACILITIES**

# Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre

Offering an integrative venue for primary healthcare services, education, and research. Providing opportunities for students to gain experiential learning and advancing research and innovations in community-based healthcare.

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