



Kathy is a recently retired Registered Nurse who, as a staff nurse in the Delta Hospital Surgical Day Care, partnered for many years with the School of Nursing as a UBC Preceptor.

Kathy was highly valued by her preceptees for her capacity to demonstrate confidence in their abilities and her unflagging support of them.

As one preceptee described, “Kathy’s amazing teaching abilities come from her being an incredible nurse, first and foremost.”

Over the years it has become clear that Kathy was very much invested in the students’ learning. This was reflected in many ways, but especially in how she sought opportunities for them to learn new techniques, skills, or a balance of surgical experiences.

As another of her preceptees has said, “While working with Kathy, she asked me questions that forced me to think critically about a problem and let me work through a solution myself; she encouraged me to be independent, yet I never felt abandoned.”

Kathy enjoys the role of mentor and it is clear that students find in her a positive role model who creates a safe learning environment.

The following student’s comment eloquently describes why Kathy has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 UBC BSN Preceptor Award.

“Kathy has taken me ‘under her wing’ and as I emerge from my time with her, she has simultaneously given me a pair of my own wings, releasing me into the nursing world as a much more competent and confident new graduate nurse.”

