



Caryn Dooner came to the UBC School of Nursing already equipped with a Master's degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from Western. As a student at the UBC School of Nursing, Caryn's leadership qualities became immediately evident as she assumed the role of President in the Nursing Undergraduate Society.

Caryn began her work with the Vancouver Island Health Authority after graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2019. She maintains close ties with UBC through her work as a research assistant with EQUIP Health Care and in her ongoing work with the CRAB project. The Cognitive Rehearsal to Address Bullying Project is a student-faculty partnership at UBC that promotes student wellness by teaching students how to deal with incivility in the clinical setting. Caryn's current work with the CRAB Project research group aims to encourage other schools to prepare their nursing students in the same way.

She is also a member and ally of the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association and actively incorporates equity-focused care into her nursing practice while facilitating her co-workers in doing the same.

Initially assigned to the orthopedic-trauma unit, at the onset of the pandemic Caryn volunteered to be the nurse in charge of the interim COVID unit. In this important leadership role, she kept her fellow staff up-to-date on the newest evidence-based protocols for managing patients with COVID-19, communicated new policies to staff, and facilitated transfers to a high level of care.

Caryn moved from the COVID unit to an acute medicine and telemetry unit where she has continued to mentor students and new graduate nurses. Since the pandemic began, Caryn has not only spent time mentoring students but also furthering her own practice by electing to begin training in critical care.

In her spare time, Caryn is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Pacific Animal Therapy Society, which works to bring therapy animals to people and communities in need.