

Jackie Denison completed her BSN in 2004 and MSN in 2012, laying a robust foundation for her career. Under the guidance of Drs. Colleen Varcoe and Annette Browne, Jackie's master's thesis, funded by a CIHR fellowship, marked the beginning of her involvement in significant research projects, particularly in teaching and learning, Indigenous health, and health equity.

Throughout her career, Jackie has been instrumental in various educational initiatives. At UBC Okanagan, she played a key role in revising the curriculum and is currently involved in reviewing course syllabi through an equity-informed and anti-racism lens. Notably, she spearheaded the development of a rural and remote program and contributed significantly to the establishment of a collaborative Masters in Nursing Indigenous Wellness pathway.

As an educator, Jackie's versatility in teaching a diverse range of courses is matched only by her consistently strong student evaluations and active participation in peer reviews. Serving in administrative roles, she has diligently supported students and faculty, ensuring the smooth functioning of the nursing education program. Her leadership has been pivotal in navigating accreditation processes and implementing program delivery changes, including the expansion of BSN seats in 2023.

Throughout her career, Jackie's dedication to education and equity has left an indelible mark on the field of nursing. As an example of the remarkable contributions of UBC alumni to academic nursing and the nursing profession, Jackie Denison is richly deserving of the Alumni Recognition Award.