



Dr. Kelli Stajduhar

"I feel a deep connection to the UBC School of Nursing, even 20+ years after graduation. It is a place where I learned to be proud of nursing, who I am as a nurse, and understood how I could use that position to help others. My relationships with faculty continue to this day and for that I am so grateful."

MSN 1995
PhD 2001

2023 Alumni Award of Distinction

It is impossible to compress into a short introduction all that Dr. Kelli Stajduhar brings to nursing, so here's just a quick overview. Kelli embodies excellence in nursing practice, science, policy, and action.

She led the teams that created the idea of a 'palliative approach to care' across the trajectory of chronic and life-limiting conditions. Through her various system-wide interventions, she has brought 'the palliative approach' idea into service delivery in home care, long term care and acute care settings.

In recent years, Dr. Stajduhar has taken that approach to the work of society's most complex and vulnerable populations - those with persistent and severe mental illness, those who use substances, those who are homeless or unstably housed. And in all this work, she has gained remarkable credibility with community advocacy groups, clinicians, policy makers and scholars.

Kelli's remarkable achievements will continue to reflect the very best that nursing can offer when it combines a passion for practice excellence with the highest integrity of scholarship, and an abiding commitment to serve.