



Candy Garossino obtained her Master's in the Science of Nursing at UBC in 1991, and has been fully engaged with the School ever since. As adjunct professor she has been a wonderful resource for our programs, often coming out to talk at our orientations or classes and offering presentations in a wonderfully positive, often humorous, and usually delightfully edgy kind of way. She took part of our admissions interviews during the years in which we called upon adjuncts to help out with that process, and has been a solid and longstanding participant in every kind of consultation meeting or synthesis project we have created. As a co-chair for the UBC undergraduate program Community Advisory Council she has been a wonderful champion of our programs, encouraging nurses at St Paul's Hospital to continue on to their masters and PhDs, and being an advocate for our students doing research over there. When the BSN program was undergoing recent CASN re-accreditation, Candy made herself available to meet with faculty and the CASN review team to provide excellent feedback about our students and our graduates. Candy has been a long-term visionary nursing leader in Providence Health Care. She has served as interim Chief Nursing

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and is currently the Director of Providence Health Care Professional Practice and Nursing, providing leadership and strategic direction for the professions of nursing, social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, clinical nutrition and speech-language pathologists. Candy has a strong practice-based focus and collaborates with nursing and other inter-professional forms of practice with professionalism, patience, collegiality, and her trademark sense of humour. Candy has been a particularly strong proponent of our School of Nursing, our students and graduates, eagerly collaborating with us in important initiatives in nursing education, nursing practice, and patient care. Most recently, Candy and faculty member Dr. Maura MacPhee piloted a six-week Practice-Academic Collaborative. This successful pilot will launch other alliances between Providence and our School. We look forward to many more years of successful partnerships with Candy Garossino, 2018 winner of the Community Partnership Award.

