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Barbara has been a nurse for over 25 years and has always worked in post-surgical care in some capacity or other. Originally from London, ON, Barbara was an instructor at The University of Western Ontario for six years, doing a combination of clinical and classroom teaching.

Until recently, she worked as the Clinical Nurse Educator for the post-surgical units at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH). Prior to that she was a staff nurse on the general surgery unit at NRGH and was one of the inaugural Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners for central Vancouver Island.

Since joining the VIU faculty in 2012, Barbara has taught a combination of clinical and classroom courses. In 2014 Barbara became the Simulation Coordinator for Health and Human Services (HHS). She is in charge of ensuring that simulation is integrated across the Register Nursing (BSN), Practical Nursing (LPN) and Health Care Aide (HCA) curricula. In the future, Barbara would like to bring the rest of the Health Sciences programs into the simulation suites and develop a Standardized Patient Program for the HHS faculty. In May, Barbara hosted VIU’s first Interprofessional Lab Day, where 103 students from the BSN, LPN and HCA programs came together to perform in eight simultaneous simulations along with an Amazing Race. This event gave students the opportunity to explore teamwork, communication, conflict management and each other’s scopes of practice. And it was really complex to plan.

**Research Interests:**

Barbara’s area of research is violence against women. Future areas of research interest include teaching/learning/education and simulation.

**Education:**

Barbara has her BScN and Master’s degrees from The University of Western Ontario along with a Certificate in Practice Education and a Certificate in Multi Media and Web Development from the University of British Columbia.

**Personal:**

Barbara has been involved in theatre for over 40 years, which has served her well in the simulation suites. She has recently dabbled in graphic design and spends way too much time on the computer. She lives in Cedar with her fantastic partner, two cats and two dogs.