Year End Review

Dear preceptors,

As we wrap up 2022 and attempt to reflect on all of the challenges and accomplishments of the past year, we are reminded how important it is to take care of our health; health of body, heart, and mind. The bumps of the pandemic continue, with new illnesses weighing down our already fatigued medical community.

Midwifery’s ongoing contribution to society is nothing short of legacy work. Midwives are integral to our society, and a cornerstone to reproductive health. This community of medical professionals is also one of compassion and kindness.

This holiday season may we all be more compassionate and kind to ourselves. To all of our preceptors, the midwives and those who support their work, we wish you a peaceful, and **healthy** holiday season and a happy new year!

Thank You!
Welcome, HeeJung!

HeeJung joins our program in the new Instructional Assistant role created to support our upcoming program expansion. HeeJung will be supporting equally the IEMBP and the undergraduate program, will be part of the Fraser Health expansion team and managing preceptor payments and site notifications for student clinical placements.

HeeJung joins us from UBC’s Occupational Therapy program and we are very fortunate to have her bring her institutional expertise to UBC Midwifery.

Special Recognition

Congratulations to Elaine Carty, UBC Midwifery’s inaugural director, for another important recognition: induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame!
20th Anniversary!

UBC Midwifery was very pleased to host a successful and inspiring 20th-anniversary event on November 19, 2022, at the Vancouver Point Grey campus. It included a professional development conference, cocktail reception and recognition dinner that celebrated the invaluable contributions of alumni, donors, faculty, staff, students, and especially clinical preceptors, our unsung heroes.

The day began with an Indigenous welcome and prayer by Coast Salish Snuneymuxw and Cowichan Elder, Dr. Roberta Price. Keynote speaker Dr. Jessica Brumley, Director of the Division of Midwifery at the University of South Florida, discussed optimizing vaginal birth outcomes by implementing patient-care and system-level strategies. Visiting scholars Drs. Kaveri Mayra and Sarah Rudrum explored trauma-related labour and birth in low-resource settings in India and Uganda using qualitative and innovative, participatory arts-based research. They also examined the relationship between global health interventions and local care practices with a focus on health equity. Finally, Dr. Nichole Fairbrother, a clinical psychologist with UBC’s Department of Psychiatry, offered tips to clinical faculty on supporting students through clinical challenges.

The day-long conference was followed by a celebratory cocktail reception where former classmates, current colleagues and old friends mingled, reminisced and created new connections. People enjoyed food, wine and the fun photo booth; happy to be back in person after the pandemic!

UBC Midwifery Director, Dr. Cecilia Jevitt, warmly welcomed a crowd of 125 to the recognition dinner, where she acknowledged our sustaining patrons, founding supporters, and long-standing preceptors, as well as each graduating class. The evening was capped with an enthusiastic congratulatory video from the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, and a beautiful blanket ceremony by Elder Roberta Price to bless and honour Dr. Kaveri Mayra on the completion of her PhD.

A beautiful birth art show with pieces from students, alumni and preceptors provided colour and meaning to the day. Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the event. We hope UBC Midwifery continues to grow exponentially over the next 20 years! Stay tuned for another anniversary celebration in Victoria in the spring.
Why Become Clinical Faculty?

BENEFITS & RESOURCES

All UBC preceptors must have clinical faculty status with the Faculty of Medicine to be fully covered by UBC insurance and to receive stipend for their precepting. There are a number of advantages to having your clinical faculty appointment which can be found listed in the Faculty of Medicine Services and Perks page as well as in this PDF.

Please also see the clinical faculty policy if you want a deeper dive into UBC's regulations.

Friendly reminder, if you need to update your name clinical faculty members can login into Workday and change it themselves.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Midwifery Best Practices in Materials Management:
New course offered through UBC CPD. This self-paced course is offered free of charge to midwives. Completion time is approximately one hour. The production of this course was supported by the MABC, the BCCNM, UBC CPD and the Ministry of Health. Thanks to Kim Campbell, UBC CPD Lead, for project oversight.

Cultural Safety and Humility - Midwifery Resource Hub:
Browse this resource hub to view current and reliable resources on cultural safety and humility being offered by various education providers and organizations. Find guidelines, self-paced courses, toolkits, informational readings, and more on how to integrate cultural safety into your midwifery practice.
The UBC Midwifery Program manages subscriber information for the UBC Midwifery Clinical Faculty Preceptor mailing list is and is an announcement only, opt-in mailing list. You have been added to this list if you have received your Clinical Faculty Appointment (CFA).

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