

To Gerontological Nurses Association of British Columbia representatives:

I am truly grateful from the bottom of my heart for being chosen to be the recipient of the 2017 GNABC Education Award.

In completing my Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) in March 2017 and now getting ready for graduation in June, I have had wonderful insight in the importance of enhancing my own knowledge and skills to better serve the older adult population. This is why my thesis focused on exploring the older adults' experiences with urinary incontinence as they worked with a Nurse Continence Advisor. I hope my thesis will shed light on the importance of giving older adults a voice while staff provide their ears, heart and soul. I hope to further promote elder care by influencing changes and integration in care through evidence based practices.

Another way to spread the importance of older adult care is through my presentation at the Canadian Gerontological Nurses Association in May 2017 in Ottawa where I will share the dementia care initiative with others who share my passion. This initiative focuses on the vital need to understand the person and who they are so that the best care can be provided to him/her. In understanding the person, the staff need to be understood as well and be given tools when caring for people living with dementia.

I appreciate GNABC for providing me with this award which will support my passion in enhancing older adult care in Long Term Care.

Thank You.

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