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NEWS RELEASE

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Helen M. Estey, a nursing instructor at Cariboo College, has been appointed chairperson of a province-wide committee responsible for evaluating nursing education programs.

The 12-member committee makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia, whose approval is necessary before the graduates of the program concerned can qualify for the examinations leading to professional registration.

Ms. Estey is one of six nurse educators on the committee, which also has representation from hospital administration, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and the RNABC Board.

Her duties will include on-site inspection and interview visits to some of the 13 colleges, institutes and hospitals where nurses are being trained, but she will continue to teach and supervise second-year nursing students at Cariboo for the coming academic year.

Ms. Estey joined the Cariboo faculty in 1974 as instructor in medical-surgical nursing. She began her professional career in St. John after graduation from the University of New Brunswick, and taught in a hospital-based program there before moving to Ontario as a clinical coordinator and eventually to British Columbia.

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