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## Sask Polytech Nursing faculty member recognized nationally

Roni Clubb receives CAPNE award for leadership in practical nursing education

November 5, 2015 – At the national conference in Toronto, the Canadian Association of Practical Nurse Educators (CAPNE) announced Saskatchewan Polytechnic faculty member Roni Clubb as the recipient of their 2015 Leadership in Practical Nursing Education award. CAPNE is the national voice for practical nursing education in Canada.

The criteria for the CAPNE Leadership in Practical Nursing Education award includes: enthusiasm for teaching, inspires excellence in others, and contributes to the advancement of the practical nursing profession and their respective institute's practical nursing program. Roni is a positive, passionate and respectful faculty member and an inspiration to her students and colleagues.

For the past 32 years Roni has educated students on how to provide professional nursing care to individuals throughout the human lifespan, from infants to seniors. Being passionate about patient safety, Roni has devoted countless hours and collaborated with other health care professionals to incorporate patient safety into Sask Polytech's School of Nursing curricula. Roni also serves as a mentor to faculty at Sask Polytech and Saskatchewan regional colleges.

"We are delighted to celebrate this prestigious award with Roni," says Dr. Netha Dyck, dean of Nursing. "Roni is an innovative leader, well respected educator, curriculum development expert and scholar. With her publications and research, she has made a positive impact particularly in the areas of patient safety and the transition of the new graduate practical nurse to professional practice."

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are a vital part of today's health care team. The practical nursing program prepares graduates with a strong foundation of nursing knowledge and competence in clinical practice. LPNs provide compassionate patient and family centered care in acute care, long-term care, and the community.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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