

Margaret Bate will 'ease into retirement'

Editor's note: Three longtime nursing instructors - Arlene Jurgens, Pat Krumm and Margaret Bate - are retiring. Two are featured here; read about Jurgens in next week's edition of The Print.

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Editor-in-Chief

British born Margaret Bates, Allied Health coordinator and nursing instructor who will retire in June, has seen much change since she first came to the college as a student in 1973.

Bates became a part time instructor at the college in 1978 teaching in the Medical Assistant Program doing clinicals for the nursing program.

"I enjoy nursing so much and I enjoy teaching the same," she said. "But it has never felt like a job to me. I've really enjoyed being part of this Clackamas Community College family. It's just been very great."

Bates became a fulltime instructor in 1980 and served in that role until 1987. When the Allied Health and Nursing departments separated in 1987, she became the Allied Health coordinator. Allied Health encompasses the EMT program and the medical assistants program. Although she took over this role, she also serves as a nursing instructor.

Some of the changes that Bates has seen at the college include moving from Clairmont to the main campus, moving the nursing lab twice and dividing the nursing department into two levels - first year Level 1 and second year Level 2.

"Our whole teaching methods in nursing have changed," said Bates. "We use the critical care thinking model where we actually don't lecture at all. Students work on scenarios in groups and testing in groups. That has been a

major change."

Along with her roles at the college, Bates works on-call at Willamette Falls hospital as an instructor for in-service programs and at times in the obstetrics (OB) department delivering babies.

Bates says she has always been interested in nursing. "It is something I always wanted to do," she said. "I started into a nursing program in England run by the army called a cadet program."

She began the program when she was 15 years old, her junior year in High School. During this time, she lived in a nurse home for a year going to school during the day and working as a nurse at night. She got hands-on experi-

ence and training from this. After graduating from high school, she went to St. James Hospital University of Leeds to earn her Registered Nursing (RN) certificate. Upon gradua-

tion, she worked as a nurse in home care.

"I was kind of like the back up. We have nurse mid-wives in England that do home deliveries," she said. "They would deliver on one day and I would go the next day and take care of the mother, if necessary, and the baby. It was an interesting job."

Bates came to the United States in 1964 with her husband and 3 children, Peter now 34, David 31, and Andrew 27.

She began working at Willamette Falls Hospital in 1968 in the Critical Care Unit (CCU). While working, she attended school at Clackamas from 1973-1976. She then transferred to Linfield College and received her BA in 1979 and masters of education in 1990.

"Most of the time I just feel real fulfilled with nursing," she said.

"I enjoy nursing so much and I enjoy teaching the same."

Margaret Bate
Allied Health Coordinator



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Margaret Bate, Allied Health Coordinator and nursing instructor, stands in front of an ambulance which was recently bought by the Allied Health Department. On behalf of her department, Bate purchased the ambulance from Sprague Ambulance in Eastern Oregon for \$500. The ambulance comes completely equipped and will be used to train EMT students. The ambulance will help students learn hands-on skills that they can't learn in the classroom including; working in a small space and on the move, and performing other emergency procedures.

"As an instructor, it's a real warm fuzzy feeling when you see students grow so much in the two years that they are here and see them off on their own and so confident."

Bates said that she is not quite sure she wants to retire straight out, so she will teach a clinical at the hospital next fall and ease into retirement.

"As far as recreation, we have a

boat," she said. "We do a lot of boating so we will be doing as much of that as possible."

"Nursing is an exciting career," she said. "It has been very fulfilling."

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