

HSC Clinical Chair Program Team



Dr. Diana E. McMillan,

RN, PhD, Associate Professor, College of Nursing, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences,
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As the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Clinical Chair, I have the great pleasure of working with outstanding nurses and multidisciplinary colleagues who bring a wealth of clinical, educational and leadership expertise from within the HSC, the University of Manitoba and across the province. Together with my team and partners, the Clinical Chair program is leading and supporting innovative clinical nursing research, scholarship and mentorship.

Our research drives effective and innovative evidence-informed practice that places patients and families at the centre of exceptional care.



Dr. Brenda Peters-Watral,

RN (NP), PhD, Research Associate

As a graduate of the University of Manitoba Nursing PhD program I am thrilled to be able to use my research training in my role as a Research Associate with the HSC Clinical Chair. I have worked at HSC for most of my 32-year nursing career, including as a staff nurse, educator, palliative care clinical nurse specialist, and currently as a nurse practitioner in the emergency department. My clinical practice at HSC informs my research work with the Clinical Chair and my long experience as a nurse at HSC informs my understanding of the strengths, opportunities and potential for nursing research at the centre.

I am excited about contributing to the advancement of nursing research that promotes excellence in patient care at HSC.



Alyssa Boniello,

4th Year Nursing Student, University of Manitoba

I have enjoyed being a part of the Clinical Chair program as a student research assistant. This position has allowed me to further my knowledge in the field of clinical research and has allowed me to grow as a health care professional.

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Andrea Dypiango,

4th Year Nursing Student, University of Manitoba

The opportunity and privilege to be mentored by such experienced researchers, such as Dr. McMillan and Dr. Peters-Watral, really honed my critical thinking and research skills. Being part of the HSC Clinical Chair program showed me the importance of evidence-informed practice, and really highlighted how nursing research can contribute and impact health care professionals in making decisions about patient care.

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