The University of Victoria School of Nursing is pleased to announce
The UVic Centre for Evidence-Informed Nursing and Healthcare (CEiNHC):
An Evidence-Synthesis Centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute

What is the Joanna Briggs Institute?
Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) is recognized as a global leader in evidence-based healthcare. JBI was established at the University of Adelaide, South Australia in 1996 as an international not-for-profit research organization. JBI collaborating centres around the world promote and support the synthesis, transfer and utilization of evidence through identifying feasible, appropriate, meaningful and effective healthcare practices to improve healthcare outcomes globally. The JBI collaborated with Cochrane Collaboration, Campbell Collaboration, Guidelines International Network, and the International Society for Evidence-Based Health Care to host the first Global Evidence Summit in Cape Town, South Africa in 2017.

Why was the JBI developed?
JBI arose from the recognition of a need for a collaborative approach to the evaluation of evidence derived from a diverse range of sources, including experience, expertise and all forms of rigorous research and the translation, transfer and utilisation of the "best available" evidence into health care practice. JBI has over 70 collaborating centres across the world, including 5 in Canada.

What is the mission of the JBI?
The mission of the JBI is to improve patient outcomes by ensuring that healthcare professionals have access at point-of-care to the best available international evidence. Quality health care is a global concern. Variability in practice, lack of research utilisation, and less than optimal outcomes characterize contemporary health care. JBI works with researchers, clinicians and managers to:

- Identify health care practice issues that require an appraisal of evidence to inform best practices;
- Carry out and facilitate systematic reviews of international research;
- Prepare and evaluate easy-to-read summaries of systematic reviews, eg Best Practice Information Sheets;
- Promote broad and targeted dissemination strategies for health care professionals working within the health care system, governments and service provider units as well as consumers;
- Design, promote and deliver short courses in evidence-based practice for clinicians, researchers, managers, lecturers, teachers and students; and
- Offer direct, fee for service consultancies to health service provider agencies to develop customised evidence-based practice training and evidence-based policy and procedure manuals.
Why does JBI make a difference?
JBI provides a systematic process for finding and appraising evidence, a process supported by training, tools, a peer-review process, and networking to inform best practices. JBI is identified as one of the top Internet resources supporting evidence-based nursing practice, citing both ease of use and high quality of evidence.

JBI in Canada
Queens University was the first North American organization to lead the development of a JBI collaborating centre in Canada. The collaborating center was formed as an academic-clinical practice partnership (QJBC-South Eastern Ontario Health Sciences Centre) to promote the use of best available evidence in nursing practice in one Ontario region. The initiative began in 2004 as a Demonstration Project supported through a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The academic-practice model was developed regionally and driven by local practice priorities to improve health care delivery. In addition to the Queen’s School of Nursing JBI initiative, there are now five Canadian groups including JBI Affiliate Centres in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and British Columbia (UVic) and a JBI Collaborating Centre in Nova Scotia (Dalhousie). A team of researchers, librarians and graduate students makes up the JBI Centre for Evidence Informed Nursing and Health Care. We are currently networking with health care and/or government agencies to determine their interest in becoming involved as a JBI partner.

How can JBI help you? How can you work with JBI?
The School of Nursing at the University Of Victoria is home to the JBI Centre for Evidence informed Nursing and Health Care. We are an affiliate group of JBI with a focus on Evidence Synthesis and Systematic Reviews. The JBI model is founded on a strong relationship between academic, research, practice and policy partners. Many academic and practice organizations have internal and public mandates to build capacity in these relationships. If you are interested in finding our more about the JBI organization and the benefits it can bring to your organization, please contact:

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Additional Resources:

Updated model is available from: 
