



***"I think a career in nursing teaches you to appreciate and respect others."*** - Beverly Rogers

Beverly Rogers is an RPN who currently works at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program. A significant part of Beverly's role includes immunizations, which makes her an active member of the school immunization working group that contributes to program planning.

Beverly graduated from the Applewood Heights Secondary School Nursing Assistant Certificate Program in June 1971 and

has been a nurse (her first career) for the past 40 years. Her career includes working in acute care, in the community (at a medical office), and now in public health. Throughout her career she has always focused on continuing education and has taken many courses to enhance her practice. Her continuing education accreditations include: the Medication Administration Certificate; the Hearing Management and Conservation Certificate; the Diabetic Teaching and Management Certificate; and the Immunization Competencies Education Program.

Beverly never thought that after 40 years of nursing that she would enjoy her nursing career so much. Today she is an active participant in many groups and committees that advocate for health care and nursing.

As a nurse Beverly believes that nursing is a career of life-long learning. Beverly uses her expertise and knowledge to give back to nursing by supporting PN students as a preceptor for Georgian College students. Beverly believes that nursing provides many opportunities to help others and to make a positive impact in their lives. Beverly says "it is very rewarding when you can help someone through a difficult situation and know that you have made a difference." Recently Beverly travelled to the Dominican Republic as a member of a medical mission team that provided health care to migrant Haitian villagers. She describes this as a career highlight and hopes she can support future missions.

Outside of work, Beverly is focused on continuing education and recently attended the Immunization Conference in Quebec City. She is married with two adult daughters, and in her spare time Beverly enjoys skiing, snowshoeing, and snorkeling.