

PROFILE OF PROFESSOR JUDY MILL

Prof. Judy Mill's research program has focused on the social, political, cultural and economic determinants of HIV infection in vulnerable populations. Her recent research projects have been located in both Canadian and international settings and have focused on: the influence of stigma on the vulnerability to HIV; stigma as a barrier to access health services by persons with HIV; the involvement of nurses in HIV policy development in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean; and the role of mentorship as an intervention to reduce stigma in HIV care. Judy has expertise in qualitative methodologies and community-based research that incorporates opportunities for capacity building in the design. In addition to her public nursing experience in Canada, Judy has worked for 8 years on international health projects in Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Judy is a Professor Emeritus in the faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta, where she was the Associate Dean, Global Health from 2007 – 2012.

Professor Judy Mill's affiliation with the School of Nursing and Midwifery dates back to 1999 when the then School of Nursing initiated a collaboration with the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing, Canada, which culminated in the development of the MPhil Nursing programme, the first of its kind in Ghana at the University of Ghana in 2000. The collaboration also incorporated an exchange of graduate students from the School of Nursing and Midwifery, College of Health Sciences to the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing for a six (6) week thesis proposal development project, whilst undergraduate students of the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing visit Ghana through the School of Nursing and Midwifery for six (6) weeks for clinical experiences in selected hospitals and clinics in Accra. The two institutions are currently collaborating to develop a PhD programme in Nursing at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana. The PhD draft curriculum is currently going through the approval processes of the University.