

The Ruth Grant Bursary Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program



Ruth Grant received her nursing training in 1950 at the General and Marine Hospital in Owen Sound, Ontario. She moved to Pembroke in 1954 where she began her career at the Pembroke Cottage Hospital, founded in 1896, and later known as the Pembroke Civic Hospital. Within her first year, Ms. Grant became head nurse in the maternity ward where, for ten years, she helped welcome many Ottawa Valley babies into the world. Throughout these years, she took a number of courses to enhance her nursing skills and knowledge.

Wishing to continue her studies, Ms. Grant went to the University of Windsor where she received a Nursing Administration diploma. Upon her return to Pembroke, she took up her new position as Director of Nursing at the Pembroke Civic Hospital, which she enjoyed until her retirement in 1991.

With over four decades working in the nursing profession, and as a life member of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, Ms. Grant has seen many changes in the field—changes that have improved the lives of patients and the skills of caregivers. As knowledge of the mysteries of the human body increases through the many advances in science and technology, nursing continues to evolve today and remains as interesting as ever to this lifelong health care practitioner.

Ms. Grant remains close to the nursing community by being active in the Alexandra Club (the former Pembroke Civic Hospital's auxiliary organization); through volunteer work assisting elderly patients in health care facilities; and as a guest speaker in nursing classes at Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley.

Algonquin College is grateful for the generous support provided by Ms. Grant, which will enable the College to award the Ruth Grant Bursary to nursing degree students in perpetuity.

The Ruth Grant Bursary was established in 2008 and is awarded to a student entering the third year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing collaborative degree program at Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley, Pembroke Campus.