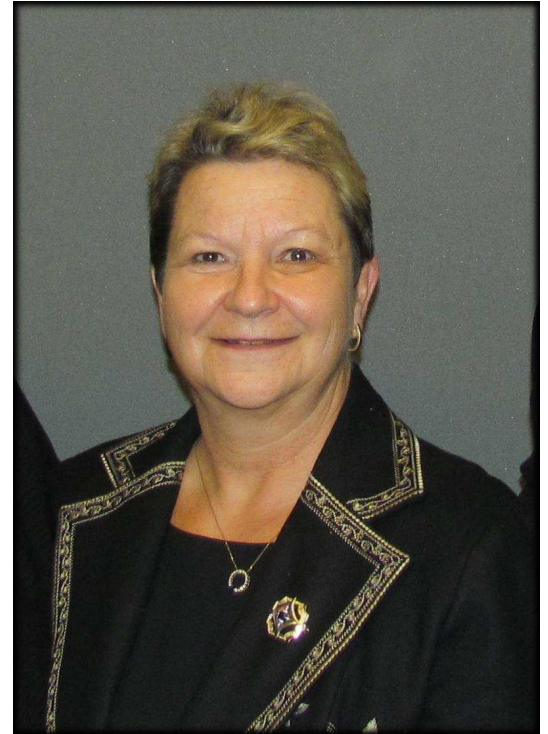


Louise Dumas, RN, MSC, PhD

Louise is honorary professor-researcher in Nursing sciences, at the Université du Québec en Outaouais (Western Quebec). She has a master's degree in Nursing Sciences from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, a doctoral degree in Interdisciplinary Education from the Université du Québec in Montreal, and a post-doctoral degree in Reproductive and Perinatal Medical Sciences from the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

Most of her researches have focused on perinatal practices, breastfeeding, and patient education. As guest researcher at the Karolinska Institutet, she is part of a Russian-Swedish-Canadian team studying Russian swaddling and mother-infant separation at birth.

She has published and presented extensively throughout the world. She also mentored 30 graduate students in Quebec, Ontario, and New-Brunswick.



During her career, Louise has received 16 official awards for teaching, research, clinical practice and services to the community, the last one being the highest recognition for a professional nurse from the Quebec Order of Nurse for life long achievement at the local, provincial, national and international levels.

Louise is lead assessor for the WHO/UNICEF Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiatives and one of the Canadian representatives at the WHO for BFHI implementation in industrialized countries. She is member of the Breastfeeding Committee for Canada and the Quebec Baby-Friendly assessment committees.

Since her retirement from active university teaching, Louise has been working at the administrative and clinical levels with hospitals and community health centers to implement evidence-based perinatal practices in Quebec, Ontario, and New-Brunswick. She is actually mentoring her last doctoral student from New-Brunswick and finishing her last research projects. Louise is also an active volunteer member and scientific advisor of the Monfort committee for the implementation of best practices in breastfeeding.

On a more personal aspect :

Louise is the proud mother of two adult children and grand-mother of two wonderful grand-children with whom she spends as much time as possible.

She is busy doing swimming, walking, cycling, sewing, knitting, reading, gardening. She likes to cook and share fine meals with family and friends.