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## UNB trio to research violence in nursing

by Jonathan Stone  
Brunswickan News

A trio of UNB nursing students have become the first undergraduates in North America to receive funding for a major national research project.

Suzanne Emery, Loraine Landry and Carol Ann Theriault have assembled under the guidance of nursing professor Marilyn Merritt-Gray and Penny Ericson, Dean of Nursing, to conduct an exploratory study on the presence of violence in the nursing profession.

"Nurses are educated to look after other people, not expecting violence back," explained Ericson. "When they encounter it, they wonder, 'Am I a good nurse?'"

The group has received a one-year grant from the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, an organization dedicated to ending violence and promoting awareness and education on that issue.

The study's focus is to discover how nursing students perceive violence and abuse within nursing, to raise awareness, and to make recommendations to the body governing nursing curriculum to better address the issue of violence in



Carol Ann Theriault, Suzanne Emery(standing) and Loraine Levesque are embarking on a nation-wide research project to study violence in nursing. Photo by Mike Dean

nursing.

The research project emerged from a paper delivered by Theriault on the same subject at last year's annual conference of the Canadian Nursing Students Association,

which was hosted by UNB.

"It created a lot of dialogue, so the idea came from the conference," said Emery, who also sits on the CNSA as the Education and Research Director.

The project is expected to take two years to complete, and will be aided by eight students from both undergraduate and diploma schools

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