

Clare Lamontagne named HCC dean of health sciences

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is pleased to welcome Clare Lamontagne, of Chicopee, as its new dean of health sciences.

Lamontagne, a registered nurse who holds a Ph.D. in nursing, brings 40 years of experience to HCC as a nursing educator, administrator, clinician and consultant.

For the past seven years, she has been a member of the full-time nursing faculty at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, having also served there as director of the undergraduate nursing program. She began her career in 1978 as a charge nurse at Ludlow Hospital after earning her associate degree in nursing from Springfield Technical Community College, where she worked as a member of the nursing faculty from 1988 to 2011.

"I really value community college education," Lamontagne said. "It's where I started, and I felt like it was time to go full circle and come back to a community college setting."

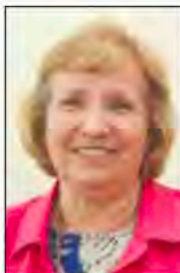
Lamontagne started at HCC July 9 and maintains a second floor office in the Center for Health Education on Jarvis Av-

enue, home to HCC's Nursing and Radiologic Technology programs as well as its medical simulation center.

"HCC is a great place," she said. "There's people here that I wanted to work with, and I think that my skills can also be a benefit to the college."

As dean of HCC's division of health sciences, Lamontagne oversees the college's programs in Nursing (associate degree and licensed practical nursing certificate); Radiologic Technology; Foundations of Health (including the Community Health Worker program); Health, Fitness and Nutrition; Veterinary and Animal Science; and Medical Assistant.

Lamontagne, who is originally from West Springfield, holds a bachelor of science in nursing degree from American International College, a master's degree in nursing from the University of Connecticut, and a Ph.D. in nursing from UMass. She has also worked as a nurse at Baystate Medical Center and as a volunteer at the Pioneer Valley Free Health Clinic in East Longmeadow and has taught in the nursing programs at UConn, Elms College and Baystate.



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