



## The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses

### BBraun Sharing Expertise Award Criteria

#### Award Information

The “Sharing Expertise™” Award is a peer-nominated award and will be presented to an individual who exhibits stellar leadership and mentoring abilities in critical care.

The nominee for this award is an individual who ideally is or has been:

1. a preceptor for students in a registered nursing program or registered nurses enrolled in a critical care certificate program;
2. a mentor for registered nurses and other nursing colleagues in the critical care setting;
3. an advocate for their patients and their families; and
4. a champion of/for their nursing colleagues by supporting, encouraging, and sharing their nursing expertise.

The nominee must demonstrate a strong commitment to the practice of critical care nursing and the nursing profession. These qualities shall be demonstrated by continuous learning, professional involvement, and a commitment to guiding novice to senior Registered Nurse colleagues in critical care.

Registered Nurses in all aspects of critical care, including patient care providers, educators, Clinical Nurse Specialist, may qualify for this award.

#### Award Funding

Dynamics of Critical Care™ Conference Tuition \$ 550 (maximum)

Travel Expense \$ 600 (maximum)

Hotel Accommodations X 3 nights \$ 850 (maximum)

#### Deadline

June 1

## Overall Award Criteria

### Nominees and applicants must:

1. be a **current/active** member of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) for a **minimum of one (1) year prior to the application/nomination** for all awards, bursaries, grants.
2. Exceptions to the membership criteria are:
  - a. Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award – member, for a **minimum of five (5)** consecutive years and.
  - b. Life Member Award – member, for a **minimum of ten (10)** consecutive years.
3. be licensed to practice nursing in Canada.
4. complete the application/nomination via the online award, bursary, and grant submission system.
5. provide signed applications and/or nomination letters (physical or electronic signatures accepted), where required.
6. provide contact information for applicants, nominees and those providing character references, chapter and/or national involvement, to verify authenticity, where required.

## Award Specific Criteria

The nominee for the “**Sharing Expertise™**” Award must:

1. Be an active CACCN member for a minimum of one (1) year.
2. Have a minimum of five (5) years of critical care nursing experience.
3. Practice to the CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice (5th Ed 2017).

In addition to the above:

1. Preference will be given to a nominee who has Canadian Nurses Association Certification [CNCC(C) or CNCCP(C)].
2. Each nomination must have the support of a critical care nursing colleague who is an active CACCN member.
3. Applicants may be nominated or may self-identify.

## Award Submission Process

Each application must be accompanied by the following:

1. One (1) letter of support for the applicant / nominee from a colleague who is an active CACCN Member;

2. One (1) letter of support for the applicant/nominee from their manager or a critical care nursing colleague, or a critical care Physician
3. The letters **must provide concrete examples** supporting why the applicant/nominee should be considered for the award.
4. Information should include, but is not limited to the applicant's involvement in:
  - a. The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN).
  - b. Preceptorship.
  - c. Practicing to the CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice (5th Ed. 2017).
  - d. Mentoring, supporting, encouraging, sharing and teaching registered nursing colleagues.
  - e. Engagement in continuous learning activities (does not need to be a formal educational program).
  - f. Demonstrated professional involvement advocating for patients and their families
  - g. Supporting, encouraging, and sharing their critical care expertise.
  - h. A strong commitment to the practice of critical care nursing, continuous learning, professional development and the nursing profession.
5. Online submission at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca);
6. Incomplete nomination packages and packages received after the deadline will not be considered.

## Selection Process

1. Applications will be blind reviewed by the Award Review Committee of active CACCN Members.
2. Applicants with the highest rubric score will be the recipient of the award.
3. Applicants will be notified of the application results via email and regular mail.
4. Applicants must acknowledge receipt of the award within three (3) months of notification. Failure to do so may result in the award being granted to the second-place applicant based on rubric scoring.
5. Applicants will be recognized in the CACCN Critical Connections Bulletin, the Annual Report and at the Awards Ceremony at the **Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference**.
6. The successful candidate is required to attend the CACCN Awards Ceremony and to meet with B. Braun Representatives in the exhibit hall for photographs.

## Additional Information

The successful candidate will receive the following to attend the **Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference** in the year in which the award is bestowed:

1. Full Conference Tuition up to \$ 550.00 (Member Early Bird Rates)
2. Travel Allowance up to \$ 600.00 (maximum)
3. Accommodation Allowance up to \$ 850.00 (maximum)

Receipts will be required for Travel/Accommodation allowance.

### Questions?

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