



The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses

Life Member Award Criteria

Award Information

Life Member status is conferred by the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) to individuals who have demonstrated sustained support and exceptional contributions to the CACCN, as well as the advancement of the art and science of critical care nursing through practice, education, research leadership and advocacy for the specialty.

As a Life Member, the recipient will maintain CACCN voting privileges until such time as they actively retire from registered nursing and/or cease to hold a valid registered nursing license or certificate in the province, territory or country in which they practice.

Award Funding

Complimentary CACCN membership for life

One Day Tuition to the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference
(day of award ceremony)*

Travel expenses
(maximum \$500)*

Hotel accommodation for two (2) nights booked by CACCN National Office*

* Tuition, travel, and hotel accommodation must be used in the year the award is presented

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

Applicants considered for the Life Member Award must meet the following criteria:

1. Member of CACCN for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years
2. Retired members may be considered if they have met the minimum membership term.

Award Specific Criteria (cont.)

3. Must currently be or must have contributed to the CACCN and critical care nursing in a **minimum of four or more** of the following ways:
 - a) Practices/practiced to the CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice.
 - b) holds/held a leadership role with the Association, through the National Board of Directors, Chapter executive, National Committees, and/or project work.
 - c) provides/provided leadership in direct patient care practice, education, research, and advocacy with a focus on critical care.
 - d) advocates/advocated for the practice of critical care nursing at the regional, provincial, or national level.
 - e) contributes/contributed to the advancement of the science of critical care nursing via evidence generation, education, or quality assurance activities on behalf of the Association at the local, regional, and national levels.
 - f) acts/acted as a resource and/or expert in a domain of critical care nursing (practice, education, research, and leadership).

Award Submission Process

1. Suggested candidates must meet the award criteria to be considered.
2. Any active CACCN Member, including national Board members, may suggest and support a candidate for lifetime membership by:
 - a. completing the online submission form
or
 - b. sending an email to the Chair, Partner Relations Committee at vicepresident@caccn.ca and to CACCN National Office at caccn@caccn.ca detailing how the candidate meets the above noted criteria.

Selection Process

1. Each candidate will be reviewed by the Chair, Partner Relations Committee and a minimum of two members of the CACCN Board of Directors.
2. The Chair, Partner Relations Committee will notify the successful candidate via email and regular mail.
3. Applicants must acknowledge receipt of the grant within three (3) months of notification.

Additional Information

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.

Award Presentation

1. The award will be presented in person when possible.
2. If the recipient is not in attendance at Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference, a Board Member or Chapter President will present the award in person.
3. In circumstances where a personal presentation is not possible, the COO shall forward the award to the recipient in a timely manner following the Awards Ceremony.

Questions?

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