



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 (RN) colleagues in critical care.

Registered nurses (RNs) in all aspects of critical care, including patient care providers, educators, Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), may qualify for this award.

Award Funding

Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference Tuition \$ 550 (maximum)

Travel Expense \$ 600 (maximum)

Hotel Accommodations X 3 nights \$ 850 (maximum)

Deadline

June 1

Overall Award Criteria

Refer to the CACCN Overall Award Criteria

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 (6th Ed 2024).

In addition to the above:

1. Preference will be given to a nominee who holds Canadian Nurses Association Specialty Nursing Certification [CNCC(C) or CNCCP(C)].
2. Applicants may be nominated or may self-identify.

Award Submission Process

Each application must be accompanied by the following:

1. One letter of support written by a critical care nursing colleague who holds an active CACCN membership, in good standing.
2. One letter of support written by a critical care unit supervisor, unit manager, team leader, clinical educator, or physician partner.
3. The letters must each provide a minimum of three (3) concrete examples supporting why the applicant / nominee should be considered for the award.
4. Nomination letters may include a maximum of **one** similar/identical example supporting the applicant/nominee (i.e., nomination letters cannot be identical in nature)
5. Information should include, but is not limited to the applicant’s involvement in:
 - a. Preceptorship.
 - b. Practicing to the CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice (6th Ed. 2024).
 - c. Mentoring, supporting, encouraging, sharing and teaching registered nursing colleagues.
 - d. Engagement in continuous learning activities (does not need to be a formal educational program).
 - e. Demonstrated professional involvement advocating for patients and their families
 - f. Supporting, encouraging, and sharing their critical care expertise.

g. A strong commitment to the practice of critical care nursing, continuous learning, professional development and the nursing profession.

6. Online submission at www.caccn.ca.

7. Incomplete packages, those not meeting the criteria, packages received via email or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

Selection Process

1. Applications will be reviewed by an Awards Review Committee consisting of not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) active CACCN Members.

2. The CACCN Board of Directors will notify the successful applicants via email and/or regular mail.

3. The successful nominee will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony at the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference (annually in September).

Additional Information

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

1. Full Conference Tuition up to \$ 550.00 (2024 Member Early Bird Rates)
2. Travel Allowance up to \$ 600.00 (maximum)
3. Accommodation Allowance up to \$ 850.00 (maximum)

Where possible CACCN National Office will arrange accommodation at the host hotel. Should the recipient wish to book alternate accommodations – receipt of payment will be required.

Receipts for air/train travel will be required for reimbursement. If travelling by car, the CACCN Expense Policy for mileage reimbursement will be in place.

The successful candidate will be required to attend the CACCN Awards Ceremony and to meet with BBraun representatives in the exhibit hall for photographs

Questions?

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