



The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses

Chasing Excellence Award Award Criteria

| Award Information |
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| Presented annually to a critical care nurse who consistently demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice. |
| Award Funding |
| \$ 1,000.00 |
| Deadline |
| June 1 |
| Overall Award Criteria |
| Refer to the CACCN Overall Award Criteria |
| Award Specific Criteria |
| The nominee: <ol style="list-style-type: none">holds a primary role in direct patient care in critical care;has a minimum of three (3) years of critical care nursing experience;Demonstrates nursing practice that is consistent with the <i>CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice</i> (6th Ed, 2024 – LINK TO FOLLOW);holds Canadian Nurses Association certification - CNCC(C) or CNCCP (C) - in critical care (<i>preferred</i>);has the support of an active member of the CACCN; andhas the support of a critical care unit supervisor, manager, team leader, educator, or physician partner. |
| Submission Information |
| 1. Two letters of support for the nominee must be provided: |

2. One letter of support written by a critical care nursing colleague who holds an active CACCN membership, in good standing.
3. One letter of support written by critical care nursing leadership (unit supervisor, unit manager, team leader, clinical educator), or physician partner.
4. The nomination letters must **each describe a minimum of three** examples showing:
 - a. how the nominee has met the award criteria;
 - b. outlining the nominee's clinical excellence and expertise;
5. Nomination letters may include a maximum of **one** similar/identical example supporting the applicant/nominee (i.e., nomination letters cannot be identical in nature)
6. Online submission at www.caccn.ca.
7. Incomplete nomination packages and packages received after the deadline will not be considered.

Selection Process

1. Each nomination will be reviewed and scored by an Awards Review Committee consisting of no 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).

Questions?

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References

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