



The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses

Chasing Excellence Award Award Criteria

Award Information
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
<p>Applicants may be nominated or may self-identify.</p> <p>The nominee must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. meet the CACCN Overall Award Criteria.2. hold a primary role in direct patient care in critical care.3. have a minimum of three (3) years of critical care nursing experience.4. demonstrates nursing practice that is consistent with the <i>CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice</i> (6th Ed, 2024);5. holds Canadian Nurses Association certification - CNCC(C) or CNCCP (C) - in critical care (<i>preferred</i>).6. have not been the recipient of this award in the past three years.

The nominee/applicant must demonstrate a strong commitment to the practice of critical care nursing and the nursing profession through continuous learning, professional involvement, and a commitment to clinical expertise.

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

Submission Process

Each application must be accompanied by the following:

1. One letter of support written and signed by a critical care nursing colleague who holds an active* CACCN membership, in good standing.
2. One letter of support written and signed by critical care nursing leadership (unit supervisor, unit manager, team leader, clinical educator), or physician partner.
3. The nomination letters must **each describe a minimum of three** examples outlining how the nominee has met the award criteria and the nominee's clinical excellence and expertise.
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. Online submission at www.caccn.ca.
6. Incomplete packages, those not meeting the overall and award specific criteria and packages received via email will not be considered.

**Active Member: Registered nurse working in critical care.*

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 the fall)

Questions?

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