



“Celebrating Nursing Excellence in West Virginia”

The West Virginia Center for Nursing’s Board of Directors believes honoring nurses honors the profession. In giving these awards the Center recognizes the contributions these individuals are making to healthcare in West Virginia and to the clients they serve. These nurses may be chosen by their peers, employers, themselves, and others.

An application will submitted along with the additional required documentation on the application which includes demographic information as well as a brief summary of how the applicant meets the established selection criteria.

Categories:

Excellence in Nursing Leadership

**May be a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse*

- Chief Nursing Officer
- Dean/Director of a College/School of Nursing
- Director of Nurses
- Hospital/Healthcare agency/Business/or Nursing Organization Administrator
- Nurse Manager/Clinical Director/Supervisor
- Nurse holding a political office
- Hospital/Healthcare agency/Business/or Nursing Organization Administrator
- VP of Nursing

Criteria

Purpose: to recognize a **nurse leader** who has made significant contributions to nursing through leadership in West Virginia.

The Award Recipient:

1. Is a licensed Registered Nurse or licensed Practical Nurse.
2. Maintains membership in a professional organization.
3. Holds a position of leadership that positively affects the nursing profession.
4. Demonstrates knowledge of leadership and management skills.
5. Creates a culture of ethical standards.
6. Creates key values and shared vision and uses these principles to guide action.
7. Identifies internal and external issues that may impact the delivery of care.
8. Promotes team and organizational learning.
9. Encourages and motivates others; is recognized as a role model and mentor.

Excellence in Clinical Care

- Staff Nurse – *Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse* caring for clients at the “bedside” for example;
 - Acute Care
 - Home Health Care
 - Long Term Care
 - Primary Care
 - Psychiatric Care
 - School Nurse

Criteria

Purpose: To recognize a nurse providing **clinical care** who routinely makes significant contributions to the health and well-being of clients in West Virginia.

The Award Recipient:

1. Is a licensed Registered Nurse or licensed Practical Nurse.
2. Maintains membership in a professional organization.
3. Monitors health status to identify health problems.
4. Diagnoses and investigates health problems.
5. Informs, educates, and empowers clients about health issues.
6. Evaluates effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of services.
7. Works collaboratively with other disciplines.
8. Demonstrates knowledge of current clinical practice skills.
9. Demonstrates ability to lead as well as follow.
10. Assumes responsibility for personal growth .

Excellence in Nursing Education

- Director of a School/Program of Nursing
- Faculty member

Criteria

Purpose: To recognize a **nurse educator** who has made significant contributions to nursing education in West Virginia.

The Award Recipient:

1. Is a licensed Registered Nurse.
2. Possesses a Master’s degree and/or Doctoral degree.
3. Serves as a nursing faculty member at an accredited school of nursing.
4. Maintains membership in a professional organization.
5. Demonstrates knowledge in both clinical and educational methods.

6. Demonstrates a commitment to consistent, proactive clinical decision-making and excellence in nursing care.
7. Is an advocate for the profession.
8. Encourages and motivates others; sets a standard of excellence for students to emulate; is recognized as a role model and mentor.
9. Demonstrates involvement in scholarly endeavors.
10. Demonstrates the use of research in education.

Excellence in Advanced Practice

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Practitioner

Criteria

Purpose: To recognize a nurse providing **advanced practice** care who has made significant contributions to the health and well-being of clients in West Virginia.

The Award Recipient:

1. Is a licensed Registered Nurse.
2. Possesses a Master's degree or a graduate of a Post-Master's Certificate Program.
3. Serves part-time or full-time in an advance practice role.
4. Maintains membership in a professional organization.
5. Demonstrates competence in the management of patient health/illness status.
6. Develops inter-personal relationships with clients.
7. Monitors health status to identify health problems.
8. Diagnoses and investigates health problems.
9. Informs, educates, and empowers clients about health issues.
10. Evaluates effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of services.