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Clinical Instructor Award

Description of Award

This award recognizes a clinical instructor who has demonstrated outstanding performance in their role as a clinical instructor with baccalaureate nursing students. This award publicly acknowledges the essential contributions that a nurse in a clinical instructor role makes to baccalaureate nursing education.

Eligibility

Registered Nurses registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario who are clinical instructors of nursing students in an Ontario baccalaureate nursing program.

Criteria

The Registered Nurse clinical instructor functions as a positive professional role model for excellence in nursing practice by:

- Embodying knowledge-based practice.
- Demonstrating caring for student learning and student well-being.
- Advocating for the profession of nursing.
- Valuing the role of instructing nursing students by providing direction, support, and constructive criticism while adhering to the scope of practice for a nursing student, the policies of the organization, and the policies of the educational institution.

Application/Nominations Process

Nominations for this award may be made by a nursing student or faculty in an Ontario baccalaureate nursing program. Self-nominations will not be accepted. All nominations must include:

- A nomination letter of no more than two pages outlining reasons for the nomination that address the award criteria.
- Two additional letters of support, at least one of which is from a faculty member in a COUPN program.

- A JPEG image of the nominee for use in the COUPN Awards brochure (attached separately)

- Nomination letters must:
  - Identify the nominee by name, title (as relevant), credential, and employment agency
  - Include nominator and nominee contact information, including email address

Nomination letters and any supporting documentation as noted must be submitted to msmith@cou.ca by your Dean or Director’s Office NO LATER THAN Monday, February 12, 2024. This is an extension from the previous Wednesday, January 31, 2024 deadline.