

Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN)

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Excellence in Professional Nursing Practice at the Undergraduate Student Level

Description of Award

This award is granted annually to a candidate who has demonstrated excellence in professional nursing practice as a student in a university or university-college baccalaureate nursing program in Ontario.

Eligibility

Candidate must be an undergraduate in their final or next to final year in a baccalaureate nursing program.

Criteria

- Enrolment in a baccalaureate nursing program.
- Minimum average of B+ or higher (accumulated grade point average to date).
- Demonstrated evidence of actual or potential contribution to nursing practice, which may include leadership and/or scholarship.

Application/Nominations Process

Nominations for this award may be made by a faculty member of a 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 as per the aforementioned criteria.
- Two additional letters of support (from at least one other faculty member, and from fellow students).
- Transcripts or academic record authorized by the school demonstrating a minimum average of B+ or higher.
- Any additional relevant supporting documentation.

- 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) and baccalaureate nursing program
- 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.

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^{*} Practice refers to the domains of practice as described by the College of Nurses of Ontario: direct practice, research, education, and administration.