Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN)
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Excellence in Teaching Award

Description of Award

This award recognizes teaching excellence and/or innovation by a faculty member in a COUPN baccalaureate or graduate nursing education program.

Eligibility

Nurse educators (full-time) in a COUPN program who are currently teaching at least one undergraduate or graduate course.

Criteria

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching.
- Demonstrated ability to stimulate students to think creatively and critically.
- Demonstrated caring for student learning and student well-being.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for teaching.
- Demonstrated ability to foster the development of students as nursing professionals.
- Demonstrated ability to motivate student to exceed their own expectations.

Application/Nominations Process

Nominations for this award may be made by a faculty member or nursing student of a COUPN 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 with examples of teaching excellence.
- Two additional letters of support from current students, alumni, and/or faculty colleagues.
- Copy of the nominee’s teaching philosophy (two pages maximum).
● Nominee’s curriculum vitae (most recent 5 years).

● Any additional relevant supporting documentation.

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

● Nomination letters must:
  o Identify the nominee by name, title (as relevant) credential, and COUPN program
  o 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.