Description of Award

This award recognizes academic excellence at the Master’s level (thesis or non-thesis) in a Master’s graduate whose academic work demonstrates the potential to contribute significantly to the nursing community and enhance nursing knowledge.

Eligibility

Registered Nurses within one year of having graduating from a Master’s program in Ontario who were supervised or advised by a nursing faculty member in a COUPN program.

Criteria

● Demonstrated a minimum average of B+ or higher in Master's program.
● Graduated within the last year from the date of nomination.
● Evidence of actual or potential contribution to nursing knowledge.
● Evidence of actual or potential contribution to the community at large and/or the nursing community.

Application/Nominations Process

Nominations for this award may be made by a faculty member 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 and potential contribution as per the aforementioned criteria.
● Transcripts or academic record authorized by the School demonstrating a minimum average of B+ or higher.
● Two additional letters of support from faculty.
● Nominee’s curriculum vitae (most recent 2 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.