



Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN)

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Master's Student Award of Excellence

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:
 - Identify the nominee by name, title (as relevant) credential, and COUPN 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.