School of Medicine
Nursing Recognition Awards

Purpose

The University of North Carolina School of Medicine and its physicians established in 1990 a program to recognize outstanding achievement by nursing professionals.

These awards serve as tangible recognition of the countless vital contributions nurses make in support of the patient care, teaching, research and public service missions of the School of Medicine.

Program

Seven Nursing Recognition Awards will be conferred annually: Three nurses will be honored for inpatient services; one nurse will be honored in the advance practice/special services nursing category (this will encompass advanced practice nurses, nurse educators/clinicians or nurses working in specialized programs such as bone marrow or organ transplant, heart failure, HIV, etc.); one nurse will be honored from nurse management; and two nurses will be honored from the outpatient clinics.

The awards, valued at $1,000 each, may be used over a three-year period to cover expenses associated with professional development and/or attendance at scientific conferences or meetings that will enhance the recipient’s knowledge and abilities in the health care setting.

Selection Criteria

Licensed UNC Health Care nurses who are full-time permanent employees are eligible to be nominated for an award.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- The individual's demonstrated excellence in nursing practice.
- Evidence of special qualities of caring and compassion.
- Commitment to teaching and education of health science students and health care professionals.

Nominations are judged, in part, on the quality of presentation. Therefore, typewritten nominations are encouraged. Nominations must be for individuals only, not nursing teams.

All nominations will be reviewed by an Awards Committee designated by the Dean of the School of Medicine, which will select the award recipients. Previous honorees will be considered for an award after five years have passed.

Nominations must be submitted by October 14 to the address shown on the back of this form.
Nomination Form: Nursing Recognition Awards

Name of Nominee ______________________________________________________________

Service Area:  □ Inpatient Services       □ Outpatient Clinic
               □ Advance Practice/Special Services □ Nurse Management

Total years of service with UNC Health Care _________________________

Department/Work Location ______________________________________________________

Position/Job Title __________________________ Phone ______________________

Nominations may be submitted by members of the medical staff and Housestaff. Employees of UNC Health Care are strongly encouraged to write letters in support of nominations.

Please attach a short essay (up to 2 pages) explaining how the nominee meets the award criteria. It is encouraged that all essays be typed. Cite specific examples. Multiple statements and letters of support are strongly encouraged.

(Please continue on reverse side)
Person Submitting Nomination

Position / Job Title

Department Name and Phone

Detatch this page, attach any accompanying sheets and mail to:

Nursing Awards Committee
University of North Carolina Hospitals
Public Affairs & Marketing
Room 20610, Neurosciences
CB# 7600
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Remember, all nominations are due by October 14.