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**Excellence in Rural Nursing Practice**

**2021 Nomination Criteria – For Review Only**

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| Rural Nursing | **Practice in small communities and rural health systems** (county population of 100,000 or less per US Census Bureau 2020 census estimates [*counties other than Bernalillo, Dona Ana, Sandoval, San Juan or Santa Fe*]), where access to care and resources provide unique challenges. Practice may be in **rural** hospitals, public health, or ambulatory care settings. |

***NOMINATION CRITERIA for Excellence in Rural Nursing Practice***

1. **How does this nurse *demonstrate outstanding delivery of patient care*? *(30%)***
	* Assures access to care
	* Communicates with vulnerable populations, developing a customized plan of care with the patient and family
	* Thrives in an environment where a broad scope of practice (i.e., not specific to Medical/Surgical, Maternal/Child, Emergency) is required
* Implements nursing care using theory-based practice, scientific and technical skill
* Evaluates outcomes and proactive course correction as appropriate
1. **How does this nurse *participate in activities & practices that improve patient/client satisfaction? (25%)***
* Assists in the orientation of new employees/students; serves as preceptor, mentor
* Proactively shares knowledge and skills with others
* Displays a desire to improve the health of rural populations
* Creates/supports a positive practice environment
* Recognized as a professional role model; engages in innovative activities to improve patient care outcomes
* Participates in community benefit activities (e.g. health fairs, outreach, screenings)
1. **How does this nurse commit to the organization and community through participation in rural health/community improvement efforts? (20%)**
* Transfer of knowledge and dynamic integration with others on care team
* Participates in quality improvement and patient safety activities
* Develops or contributes to the development of community health improvement assessment and plan
1. **How does this nurse encourage team innovation and contribute to the healthcare team? (15%)**
* Leverages existing resources with inter-professional collaboration
* Supports teamwork strategies to stimulate workplace empowerment and ***promote patient safety***
* Assists retention and recruitment within rural healthcare organizations
1. **How does this nurse demonstrate personal growth in his/her professional practice? (10%)**
* Active member of local, regional, state, or national nursing organization/Association/Board
* Assumes accountability for professional development (certification, pursuit of higher degree)

**NOTE: A nurse may not be nominated again in the same category in which they have won previously.**

**Nominations are Due September 3, 2021**

**Only Online Submissions will be Accepted – Submit nominations at** [**www.NMNursingExcellence.org/Nursing-Excellence-Awards**](https://www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nursing-excellence-awards)

**Please email the NM Center for Nursing Excellence at** **admin@nmcne.org** **with any questions**

**New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards**

**Saturday, October 23rd, Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town**

** 2021 Nursing Excellence Awards – Example Nomination**

*(Use this form for nominations in* ***Excellence in Rural Nursing Practice*** *category)*

Deadline for submission: **Friday, September 3rd**

**Information about Nominee**

Nomination Category

Nominee Name: LAST       FIRST *(no nicknames)*       MI

Employer/Organization       Job Title

Degrees/Credentials (RN, LPN, etc.)       Nominee NM resident 8/20-8/21? YES [ ]

*(Consideration may be given to a nurse who is not a NM resident if that nurse is primarily employed in NM. Contact us at admin@nmcne.org with questions)*

Complete Work Address

*Personal* Mailing Address

***(We send congratulatory letter and would like to have nominee’s home address)***

Daytime Phone **Email (req.)**

**Information about Nominator**

Nominated By

Business/Organization/Affiliation

Nominator’s Complete Address:

Daytime Phone       **Email**

**Professional Reference**

*(Must be from the nominee’s current work organization or, if a student, must be from a faculty member):*

Name:

Duty Title:

Organization:       Daytime Phone:       Email:

**Nominee Biography**

***(Please confine information to this form. No attached resumes will be accepted.)***

Nominee Name:

Credentials:

Present Position (Job Title):

**Education** (include basic preparation through highest degree held)

 *Degree Awarded Major Area of Study Year Degree Awarded*

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**Number of years as nurse:**

**Work Experience**

*Job Title Dates*

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**Committees:**

**Professional Organizations**:

**Community Activities**: (If applicable)

**Publications** *(Provide latest publication and total number published):*

**Awards:**

**Instructions:**

After filling out both pages of this form, please provide a summary of **no more than 2 pages**, double-spaced, in 12-point-font, describing why you feel this nominee deserves the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award. NOTE: If over 2 pages, only the first 2 pages will be eligible for review. Please cite specific examples of accomplishments referring to the criteria listed for the specific award category. Describe how the person demonstrates caring that goes beyond the expected behaviors associated with providing competent and compassionate nursing care. *(See “Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination”)* You may use the formatted pages following or compose your own summary as long as the four criteria are addressed.

In order for nominee to be considered for this award, all information requested must be provided. This includes:

1. This nomination form (both sides), to include the nominee info and nominee biography
2. A 2-page summary of accomplishments, using nomination criteria for category;
3. Payment of $75 nomination fee (to cover nominee’s dinner at awards ceremony)

If a nomination category is not identified, the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award Selection Committee will select a category based on the information provided. Also, the Committee reserves the right to place nominees in the category that best fits their nomination and/or enhances the nominee’s ability to compete for the award.

*We list the criteria so you may address each one in your narrative.*

Remember *- specific examples are a great way to share the nurse’s contributions and show how the nurse meets the criteria.*

*You may write essay on this form or attach to form.*

**Please note the percentage/weight given to each criterion and please address all criteria in writing your essay.**

1. *How does this nurse demonstrate outstanding delivery of patient care? (30%)*
2. *How does this nurse participate in activities and practices that improve patient/client satisfaction? (25%)*
3. *How does this nurse commit to the organization and community through participation in rural health/community improvement efforts? (20%)*
4. *How does this nurse encourage team innovation and contribute to the healthcare team? (15%)*
5. *How does this nurse demonstrate personal growth in his/her professional practice? (10%)*