



## 2017 Clinical Nurse Specialist Preceptor of the Year Award

The Ninth Annual NACNS Clinical Nurse Specialist Preceptor of the Year Award will be presented during the 2017 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The purpose of the award is to nationally recognize an NACNS member for outstanding professional achievement as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Preceptor. The award acknowledges a CNS preceptor who has demonstrated commitment to teach, coach and mentor CNS students to achieve CNS competencies in the nurse, patient, and organizational spheres as reflected in the NACNS *Statement on CNS Practice and Education*.

Please review the criteria and submit a completed application with corresponding rationale supporting candidates who you recommend for this award.

**DEADLINE: October 21, 2016**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The candidate may be nominated by a nursing colleague, clinical supervisor, administrator, faculty, collaborating physician and/or graduate CNS nursing student(s).
2. Candidate meets their state of residence's requirements for CNS recognition by their state board of nursing.
3. Current membership in NACNS.
4. The candidate must have been educated as a CNS in a masters or doctoral program.
5. The candidate must have at least 3 years of experience as a CNS preceptor.
6. If selected, the candidate must agree to attend the NACNS annual conference and provide a photo suitable for inclusion in the conference program brochure.
7. The candidate must demonstrate clinical excellence and innovation in precepting CNS students. Examples include:
  - a. Promotes CNS students' ability to think critically.
  - b. Fosters CNS students' autonomy.
  - c. Demonstrates the ability to teach, coach and mentor CNS students.
  - d. Creates an individualized learning experience that promotes the growth and development of students in the CNS role.
  - e. Inspires students to become actively engaged in professional advocacy and policy through involvement in national organizations, NACNS Affiliates and NACNS.
  - f. Creates a positive learning environment in which CNS students freely express ideas and questions in a dynamic exchange with preceptor and other health care professionals.
  - g. Is accessible, supportive and influential in helping CNS students achieve CNS competencies in nurse, patient and organizational spheres.

### Award:

Nontransferable complimentary NACNS annual conference registration, a plaque and one year complimentary NACNS membership. The award will be presented at the NACNS annual conference and the winner will be featured in the CNS journal.

### Selection:

Applications received by the deadline will undergo review by the selection committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The recipient will be notified by a phone call and written letter from the President of NACNS. All candidate information must be received at the NACNS office by **October 21, 2016**. This deadline will be strictly adhered to in the selection process.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Submit nomination packet electronically to [info@nacns.org](mailto:info@nacns.org) or mail to NACNS, 100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103

1. **Nomination Packet includes:**
  - a. This document with the nominee and nominator information table filled in and nominee signed agreement to attend the annual conference if selected as the winner of the award;
  - b. One letter from the nominator;
  - c. One a letter of recommendation from a colleague;
  - d. A copy of the nominee’s current CV/resumé; and
  - e. A brief statement (300-word max) about the nominee to be used in press releases and when the award is presented at the conference (see item #3 below).
2. The nominator’s letter should:
  - a. Describe how the nominator knows the nominee (e.g., in what capacity/role, how long);
  - b. Provide information supporting the nomination relating to the specific criteria for the award. The nominator should address the nominee’s eligibility and how the nominee meets the award criteria, using examples to illustrate (2pg max).
3. The brief statement (300 words or less) is a separate document that provides a brief biography of the nominee and exemplar(s) of the nominee’s work. This statement will be used when presenting the award at the Annual Conference and will be used in press releases about the award winner.
4. The letter of recommendation should be from a colleague or supervisor, who can speak to the candidate’s CNS work in education and address how the candidate meets the award criteria (2 pg max).
5. One letter from a student or clinical associate may also be included.
6. All submissions must be typed copy.
7. Selection is made based only on the information submitted.
8. All information will remain strictly confidential and will not be returned.
9. Winner will be notified by December 2, 2016 and will be asked to submit a picture for recognition at the conference and within the CNS journal.

For further information, contact NACNS , 100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
 Telephone: (215) 320-3881, FAX: (215) 564-2175 or website: [www.nacns.org](http://www.nacns.org)

Information about Nominee	Information about Nominator
Nominee:	Nominated by:
Credentials:	Credentials:
Title:	Title:
Address (street, city, state, zip):	Address (street, city, state, zip):
Telephone (day):	Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):	Telephone (evening):
e-mail:	e-mail:
Institution:	[Redacted]
Institution address (street, city, state, zip; suite or department code):	

For Nominee:  
 If selected as the award winner, I agree to attend the Annual NACNS Conference to receive the award.

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 Signature

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 Date