



2017 Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year Award

The Thirteenth Annual NACNS Clinical Nurse Specialist 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) in the three spheres of CNS influence. The award acknowledges a nurse who demonstrates CNS competencies and exemplary practice in patient care, nursing and health care delivery systems.

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 must be nominated by a nursing colleague and/or nursing supervisor.
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 at least 3 years of experience as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.
5. The candidate must have been educated as a CNS in a masters or doctoral program.
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 serve as a role model to nursing colleagues by:
 - a. Maintaining an outstanding level of skill and knowledge in their specialty area.
 - b. Utilizing or demonstrating CNS competencies in all 3 spheres of influence.
 - c. Demonstrating quality patient outcomes as a result of his/her practice in direct and/or indirect patient/client activities.
 - d. Supporting nurses in the delivery of patient care, safety, or the advancement of nursing practice.
 - e. Promoting change including evidence based practice/research, knowledge dissemination or collaboration at the system level to improve or impact patient care.

Award:

Nontransferable complimentary NACNS annual conference registration, a plaque and one-year complimentary membership to NACNS. 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 or mail to NACNS, 100 North 20th 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. Each of the criteria must be addressed in the letter with examples. Be specific, not global.
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. Each of the criteria must be addressed in the letter with examples.
5. Additional letters from a physician or patient 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.

For further information, contact NACNS, 100 North 20th Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103; Telephone: (215) 320-3881, FAX: (215) 564-2175 or website: 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:	[Hatched Area]
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.

Signature

Date