



2019 Clinical Nurse Specialist Educator of the Year Award

The Tenth Annual NACNS Clinical Nurse Specialist Educator of the Year Award will be presented during the 2019 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.

The purpose of the award is to nationally recognize an NACNS member for outstanding professional achievement as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Educator. The award acknowledges a CNS educator's commitment to excellence and innovation in preparing (novice or student or entry-to-practice) CNSs and in implementing (educational standards described 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: November 19th, 2018

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. The candidate must be nominated by a nursing colleague, dean/department chair 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. Candidate must be a current member of 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 educator.
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 excellence and innovation in CNS education. Examples include:
 - a. Demonstrates outstanding achievements in teaching students to implement the CNS role.
 - b. Established educational, clinical, and/or health policy initiatives that promote CNS education in all 3 spheres of influence.
 - c. Fosters educational approaches to improve nursing (basic and advanced) practice generally and CNS practice specifically.
 - d. Incorporates innovative approaches to enhance interprofessional collaboration in education and practice.
 - e. Generates theoretical and practical curricular/clinical approaches that address priorities in CNS education.
 - f. Supports and inspires CNS students in the delivery of patient care, implementing system change and/or the advancement of nursing practice.
 - g. Promotes change through collaboration at the system level to improve or influence CNS education and health policy related to CNS and APRN practice.

Award:

The NACNS Board of Directors is reviewing the award packages. Details on the specific award items provided to the winner will be identified in the letter to the winner. Despite this, expect to receive a plaque when the award will be presented at the NACNS annual conference and the winner will be featured in the newsletter sections of 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 **November 19th, 2018**. This deadline will be strictly adhered to in the selection process.

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit nomination packet electronically via the jot form found at www.nacns.org/about-us/awards/ to info@nacns.org or mail to NACNS, 11130 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 350, Reston, VA 20191

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 (see criteria above). 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 21st, 2018 and will be asked to submit a picture for recognition at the conference and within the CNS journal.

For further information, contact NACNS, Michelle Matz, mmatz@virtualinc.com, 11130 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 350, Reston, VA 20191; Telephone: (703) 436-0092, FAX: (703) 435-4390 or website: www.nacns.org

Award Name: _____

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:	
Institution address (street, city, state, zip; suite or department code):	