

CRPNM

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING AWARDS 2006

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

The Psychiatric Nursing Awards are presented to Registered Psychiatric Nurses in recognition of excellence in psychiatric nursing and a high degree of professionalism.

INTENT OF THE AWARDS

- To acknowledge contributions of psychiatric nurses to the profession within specific areas of practice.
- To provide public recognition that will enhance the image of the psychiatric nurse and the profession.
- To increase public awareness of services and contributions made by psychiatric nurses.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Each year, a call for nominations will be sent to all members of the CRPNM. The nominee, nominator and seconder must be Practising members of the College. A Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors will review all nominations and present recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING PRACTICE AWARD

The RPN is being recognized for making a significant contribution in his/her area of clinical practice; and, has exhibited a high degree of professionalism throughout her/his career.

Examples:

- provides leadership in the development/implementation of programs/intervention strategies for clients, families and the community;
- influences changes in service delivery in a positive manner;
- furthers client empowerment through his/her practice;
- strives to ensure the best quality of service to clients;
- contributes to the ongoing development of the profession and shares expertise with others;
- demonstrates an exemplary commitment to ethical practice;
- demonstrates a commitment to ongoing professional development/continuing education;
- demonstrates a commitment to professional and community leadership.

EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The RPN is being recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership in psychiatric nursing administration/leadership.

Examples:

- develops/implements innovative programs;
- demonstrates leadership in the administration of the delivery of human services.
- demonstrates innovative thinking, flexibility and creative problem solving;
- acts as mentor and role model for peers, employees, and the public at large;
- motivates and creates positive change in others and in her/his environment;
- participates in community action which promotes mental health;
- motivates others to high standards;
- stimulates pride in the profession by being a positive example;
- demonstrates a commitment to professional and community leadership.

EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING RESEARCH AWARD

The RPN is being recognized for having demonstrated excellence and innovation in psychiatric nursing research.

Examples:

- contributes to the body of knowledge for the profession of psychiatric nursing;
- contributes to the advancement of psychiatric nursing practice;
- provides leadership and mentoring in research activities;
- contributes to innovative education processes;
- publishes articles which promote an understanding of mental health issues and/or the profession;
- demonstrates a commitment to professional and community leadership.

EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING EDUCATION AWARD

The RPN is being recognized for having demonstrated excellence in psychiatric nursing education.

Examples:

- inspires learners through innovative and dynamic teaching methods;
- makes a contribution to his/her area of teaching;
- initiates the sharing of knowledge and/or shares knowledge with peers and students;
- is instrumental in the implementation of educational changes;
- demonstrates a commitment to continuing education by example.
- demonstrates a commitment to professional and community leadership.