

Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses

Nursing Excellence Recognition Program

Information and Instructions for Award Nominators

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Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses (CCCN)

Vision

To be the recognized voice for cardiovascular nursing in Canada. Committed to enhancing the health and well being of Canadians by advancing the specialty of cardiovascular nursing through education, research, health promotion, strategic alliances and advocacy.

- CCCN wants to:
 - Celebrate and profile Cardiovascular (CV) Nursing Excellence within CCCN
 - Acknowledge nurses who obtain CV certification/recertification
 - Acknowledge outstanding students who have completed a CV practicum
 - Recognize Canadians who have advocated for CV health and/or CCCN



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- All nominees where the nomination and application process has been followed and where there is clear evidence to demonstrate how the nominee meets the award criteria including examples of how the nominee works on behalf of CCCN will receive the award.
- Nominations will be peer-reviewed by the **CCCN Nursing Excellence Recognition Program Committee** to ensure criteria has been met.
- Multiple award recipients are possible for all categories.



CCCN Nursing Excellence Recognition Program

- Awards will be presented at an “Awards Ceremony” held in conjunction with the CCCN Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Award recipients will be profiled and recognized:
 - During the AGM awards ceremony
 - On site at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress
 - In the Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing
 - On the CCCN website
 - In the CCCN e-newsletter.

Award recipients will receive a complimentary membership renewal for the following year.



CCCN Nursing Excellence Recognition Program Award Categories

1. Cardiovascular Nursing **Clinical** Excellence Award
2. Cardiovascular Nursing **Leadership** Excellence Award
3. Cardiovascular Nursing **Research** Excellence Award
4. Cardiovascular Nursing **Health Promotion and Advocacy** Excellence Award
5. Lynne Child Cardiovascular Nursing **Certification** Award
6. Mae Gallant Cardiovascular Nursing **Student** Award
7. **Honorary Lifetime Member** Award



Nominee Criteria

- Be an active, current member in good standing with CCCN
 - Exception Honourary Lifetime Membership award nominees
- Demonstrate outstanding performance in the specific award category.
- Demonstrate tangible ways in which they support the vision of CCCN and how they work on behalf of CCCN
- Be receiving the award for the 1st time
- Be receiving only 1 award per year
- Agree to be nominated
 - Signature of nominee on the nomination form indicates agreement to be considered for this award, as well as authorization to be profiled in the CCCN Journal, web site and newsletter.
- Submit a current curriculum vitae or résumé specific to the criteria
 - Limit to 5 pages highlighting nominee's accomplishments over the last 5 years.
- Submit a current high resolution photo.

CCCN Board of Directors, for the duration of their term of office are ineligible from applying or participating in the nomination process



Nominator Guidelines

- Nominations must be supported by a minimum of three people – at least one of whom **must** be a CCCN member
- Nominator group must:
 - Provide one letter to support the nomination that demonstrates (including specific examples) of how the nominee meets the award category criterion.
 - Letter must be **no more** than two (2) typewritten pages in length
 - Submit nomination to be received by July 31st



Cardiovascular Nursing Clinical Excellence Award

- Presented to a CCCN member who demonstrates outstanding Clinical Practice with direct client contact who:
 - is dedicated to maintaining a high standard of clinical practice at the frontline
 - is an effective collaborator and one who demonstrates interpersonal skills with clients, colleagues and other groups and organizations
 - is a positive role model for others, and
 - is committed to the vision of CCCN and works on its behalf



Cardiovascular Nursing Leadership Excellence Award

- Presented to a CCCN member who demonstrates outstanding Leadership skills in cardiovascular nursing who:
 - Through his/her vision is advancing the practice of cardiovascular nursing
 - demonstrates leadership in the areas of administration education or evidence-based practice
 - builds and fosters a dynamic team
 - is an outstanding role model or mentor to others and
 - is committed to the vision of CCCN and works on its behalf



Cardiovascular Nursing Research Excellence Award

- Presented to a CCCN member who has conducted outstanding Research in cardiovascular nursing who:
 - has conducted and published high quality cardiovascular nursing research
 - has mentored others to appreciate and/or assist in the research process
 - is a positive role model for others, and
 - is committed to the vision of CCCN and works on its behalf



Cardiovascular Nursing Health Promotion and Advocacy Excellence Award

- Presented to a CCCN member or group* who has conducted outstanding Health Promotion and Advocacy work in supporting a cardiovascular nursing cause or proposal
 - the advocacy work by an individual or group must have resulted in a significant act(s) or specific decision(s) related to health promotion
 - the advocacy action(s) or decision(s) were marked by outstanding effort, process, or innovation;
 - the advocacy work was inclusive and respectful of the values and personal autonomy of those affected by it
 - the advocacy work helps to realize the vision of CCCN
- * if the nomination is for a group – at least one of the group **must** be a CCCN member



Lynne Child

Cardiovascular Nursing Certification Award

- Presented to a CCCN member who has obtained Cardiovascular Nursing Certification or Recertification through the Canadian Nurses Association who:
 - consistently demonstrates excellence as a professional nurse
 - consistently demonstrates responsibility for own professional development
 - consistently demonstrates excellence in interpersonal relationships and communication skills, and
 - is committed to the vision of CCCN and works on its behalf



Mae Gallant

Cardiovascular Nursing Student Award

- Presented to a nursing student enrolled in an educational program leading to entry to practice who:
 - has done a clinical placement with the field of cardiovascular nursing
 - demonstrates a positive influence during clinical placements and contributes to the health care team
 - consistently demonstrates excellence as a student nurse
 - consistently demonstrates responsibility for own learning and pursues professional development
 - is committed to the vision of CCCN and works on its behalf



Honorary Lifetime Member Award

- Presented to any Canadian (member or non-member) for valuable contributions to improving the quality of cardiovascular (CV) health in Canada, or for continuous distinguished service to CCCN
- Nominees must demonstrate support or advocacy for
 - CV nurses, patients or client
 - CCCN
- Honorary membership is commemorated by:
 - An award
 - Guest status at Annual General Meetings
 - Receipt of the Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing
 - Other member services.
- It DOES NOT provide:
 - RN status
 - Cardiovascular certification status
 - Eligibility for elected office
 - The right to vote at AGM or elections



Appendices for all nominations

- Current curriculum vitae or résumé
- Current high resolution photo
- Completed nomination form
- 1 letter of nomination



For further information
and for nomination forms,
visit www.cccn.ca or
contact CCCN
Administrative Assistant
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info@cccn.ca

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