



RURAL PRACTICE AWARD 2023 Nomination Criteria

Deadline: Nominations are due Monday, October 30, 2023

Only Online Submissions will be Accepted – Submit nominations at
www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories

Rural Practice Award

Practice in small communities and rural health systems (county population of 100,000 or less per US Census Bureau 2020 census estimates [counties other than Bernalillo, Dona Ana, Sandoval, San Juan, or Santa Fe]), where access to care and resources provide unique challenges. Practice may be in rural hospitals, public health, or ambulatory care settings.

Before you begin your nomination, The Center strongly encourages everyone to review our tips for submitting a successful nomination:

<https://www.nmnursingexcellence.org/tips-for-nea-nomination>

Each award will be judged on the information you provide. Please review the criteria before beginning your nomination.

Rural Practice Award Nomination Criteria

We are providing this document to assist with the online application process. Use this to review the criteria before submitting your nomination. The following are questions from the online nomination form. **This is NOT an application.** Applications must be submitted online www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories.

Section 1

NOMINEE INFORMATION

- First Name, Last Name (name used for licensure, no nicknames)
- If your nominee lives outside of New Mexico, have they been working in NM in a permanent position for at least 12 months?



- Nominee Employer/Organization
- Nominee Job Title(s)
- Nominee Email Address, Phone, Home Mailing Address

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

- First Name, Last Name
- Nominator's Business/Organization/Affiliation
- Nominator Email and Phone

Section 2

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

- Nominee Education - Fill in the year the nominee graduated with the respective degree. If they did not graduate with the respective degree please leave blank.
 - ❖ Associates Degree - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Bachelor of Science, Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Master of Science, Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ Doctor of Nursing - Year Graduated
 - ❖ List Additional/Other Degrees and Year Graduated

- Nominee Credentials - Fill in any of the nominee's relevant information. You may leave these boxes blank if they do not apply to the nominee.
 - ❖ Nominee degree/credentials
 - ❖ Years as a nurse (answer required)
 - ❖ Nominee Committees
 - ❖ Nominee Professional or Community Organizations/Activities
 - ❖ Nominee Publications and/or Awards

Section 3

NOMINATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

The nomination form will ask you to provide responses to the following five (5) essay questions. Within the provided word counts, describe why you feel this nominee is deserving of the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award. Please cite specific examples of accomplishments referring to the criteria listed for the specific award category.

These essay responses must be blinded. This means the nominee's name is not included in any of the following responses. If the answers are not fully blinded, your nominee may not be eligible for judging.

1. **How does this nurse demonstrate outstanding delivery of patient care? (30% scoring weight) 250 words max**
 - ❖ Assures access to care
 - ❖ Communicates with vulnerable populations, developing a customized plan of care with the patient and family

- ❖ Thrives in an environment where a broad scope of practice (i.e., not specific to Medical/Surgical, Maternal/Child, Emergency) is required
- ❖ Implements nursing care using theory-based practice, scientific and technical skill
- ❖ Evaluates outcomes and proactive course correction as appropriate

2. How does this nurse practice safe patient care and participate in activities & practices that improve patient/client satisfaction? (25% scoring weight) 250 words max

- ❖ Assists in the orientation of new employees/students; serves as preceptor, mentor
- ❖ Proactively shares knowledge and skills with others
- ❖ Displays a desire to improve the health of rural populations
- ❖ Creates/supports a positive practice environment
- ❖ Recognized as a professional role model; engages in innovative activities to improve patient care outcomes
- ❖ Participates in community benefit activities (e.g. health fairs, outreach, screenings)

3. How does this nurse commit to the organization and community through participation in rural health/community improvement efforts? (20% scoring weight) 200 words max

- ❖ Transfer of knowledge and dynamic integration with others on care team
- ❖ Participates in quality improvement and patient safety activities
- ❖ Develops or contributes to the development of community health improvement assessment and plan

4. How does this nurse encourage team innovation and contribute to the healthcare team? (15% scoring weight) 200 words max

- ❖ Leverages existing resources with inter-professional collaboration
- ❖ Supports teamwork strategies to stimulate workplace empowerment and promote patient safety
- ❖ Assists retention and recruitment within rural healthcare organizations

5. How does this nurse demonstrate personal growth in his/her professional practice? (10% scoring weight) 100 words max

- ❖ Active member of local, regional, state, or national nursing organization, association, and/or board of directors
- ❖ Assumes accountability for professional development (certification, pursuit of higher degree)

Important Instructions

In order for a nominee to be considered for an award, all information requested must be provided.

This includes:

- 1) A completed online nomination form from our website:
www.nmnursingexcellence.org/nomination-categories
- 2) Payment of the \$100 Nomination Fee. With the payment of the nomination fee, Nominees receive a complimentary ticket for their dinner/entry to the event.

Please Note:

- A nurse may **not** be nominated again in the same category in which they have won previously.
- DO NOT provide identifying information in your essay. This is an anonymous process with all nominations blinded.
- The New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award Selection Committee reserves the right to place nominees in the category that best fits their nomination and/or enhances the nominee's ability to compete for the award.

For specific questions about award eligibility or nomination criteria, please visit

www.nmnursingexcellence.org or email nina@nmcne.org.

We can also be reached by phone (505) 565-5811.

