**PNASD CRITERIA FOR NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

# CATEGORY I: NURSE ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGER/LEADER EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must have held the position of Administrator, Director, Manager, Supervisor, or any leadership position for at least two (2) years and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the U.S.
3. Must have demonstrated innovative leadership practice in any healthcare setting (acute, ambulatory, community, long term facility).
4. Must have been recognized for significant contributions in management and leadership either by employment or other professional organizations and show evidence of such contribution *(****e.g., Certificate of Recognition, awards****)*.
5. Team leader or committee member of his or her Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility that aims toward change in nursing practice (***show evidence of project completed or work in progress****).*
6. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY II: NURSE RESEARCHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a field of nursing, preferably nursing research for at least two (2) years, and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the U.S.
3. Must be a principal or co-investigator of a completed study or project in a healthcare setting. A copy of the abstract required for every research study.
4. Must have assumed the role of a research coordinator in his/her practice.
5. Must have been recognized for significant contributions in nursing research with your Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or other professional organization within two (2) years.
6. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY III: NURSE EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be a faculty in a School or College of Nursing, Clinical Nurse Educator, or Staff Nurse

Development Educator for at least two (2) years and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the U.S.

1. Must have been recognized for significant contributions to nursing education and show evidence of such accomplishments (***e.g., certificates, awards***).
2. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY IV: COMMUNITY SERVICE NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must have practiced in a clinical field of nursing for at least two (2) years and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, or Certified Nurse Assistant in the U.S. or retired status.
3. Must have done volunteer work or service with any well-established professional, civic, or community organizations. Indicate the name of organizations where work was established and provide evidence of volunteer work (***e.g., certificates, awards, letters of recognition of volunteer service***)
4. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY V: NURSE ENTREPRENEUR EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently engaged in a health-related enterprise for at least one (1) year.
3. Must provide name of company, type of business, and location.
4. Must provide evidence of company brochure.
5. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY VI: ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in the Advance Clinical field of nursing with the role of either as the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), or Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) for at least two (2) years and must show evidence of licensure as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN).
3. Must have made significant contributions through the development of innovative ideas and programs to improve patient care, nursing practice, health promotion, and disease prevention within two (2) years.
4. Must have been recognized for meritorious contributions in the advanced practice nurse role, including, but not limited to, promoting and increasing healthcare access, providing primary care prevention either in practice or in health fairs, author in nursing or healthcare publications or journals, participating in research that has contributed to the Advanced Practice Nurse role in general. Must show evidence of contributions (***e.g., certificates, awards, letters of recognition***).
5. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY VII: NURSE INFORMATICS EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a field of nursing informatics for one (1) year and/or has served as nursing informatics leader of an outstanding healthcare organization, and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the U.S.
3. Must have demonstrated knowledge of systems design to support clinical technology used by all healthcare provider.
4. Must show significant contribution in managing the integration of nursing science and information science in the improvement of nursing practice.
5. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY VIII: NOVICE REGISTERED NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a field of nursing for at least 6 months and currently licensed as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, or Certified Nurse Assistant in the U.S.
3. Must have been recognized for significant contribution to nursing practice.
4. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events****).*

# CATEGORY IX: CLINICAL STAFF REGISTERED NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a clinical field of nursing (in-patient, ambulatory, or skilled nursing facility) for at least two (2) years and currently licensed as Registered Nurse in the U.S.
3. Must have been recognized for significant contributions in clinical nursing practice (***include any certificate of recognitions, awards, involvement with process improvement projects, letter or copy of abstract presented in a conference***).
4. Participation in PNASD activities (***e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events***).

**CATEGORY X: CLINICAL STAFF LICENSE VOCATIONAL NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a clinical field of nursing (in-patient, ambulatory, or skilled nursing facility) for at least two (2) years and currently licensed as a Vocational Nurse in the U.S.
3. Must have been recognized for significant contributions in clinical nursing practice (include any certificate of recognitions, awards, involvement with process improvement projects).
4. Participation in PNASD activities (e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events).

**CATEGORY XI: CLINICAL STAFF CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT NURSE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

1. Nominee must be a current member of PNASD and in good standing.
2. Must be currently practicing in a clinical field of nursing (in-patient, ambulatory, or skilled nursing facility) for at least two (2) years and currently certified as Nurse Assistant in the U.S.
3. Must have been recognized for significant contributions in clinical nursing practice (include any certificate of recognitions, awards, involvement with process improvement projects).
4. Participation in PNASD activities (e.g., Webinar, Community Outreach, General Membership Meetings, and other PNASD events).

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