



Nursing Education Excellence Award Permanent/Tenure-Track/Tenured/Term Faculty Positions

Nomination Form 2026

Fostering the highest standards in professional nursing education is a critical component of CASN's mission. The objective of the award for **Excellence in Nursing Education (Permanent/Tenure-Track/Tenured/Term Faculty Positions)** is to acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of individuals to the realization of our mission and to promote and disseminate good practices in nursing education. This award is presented annually at the Fall CASN Council meeting.

Eligibility & Criteria

The recipient of the CASN Nursing Education Excellence Award (Permanent, Tenure-Track, Tenured, Term Positions) will demonstrate the following characteristics:

Eligibility:

Is a permanent, tenure-track, tenured or term faculty member of a CASN member school. The main and exceptional contribution for which the educator is nominated must have taken place during the three years preceding the submission of her or his candidacy (this is to ensure the contemporary relevancy of the contribution). The member must have a current RN registration within the last 12 months.

Criteria:

1. High-Quality Teaching, Recognized by Peers and Students

Demonstrates excellence in teaching through activities that enhance student learning and are consistently recognized by both peers and students. The nominee may provide evidence of:

- Student engagement and success in their courses.
- Peer reviews or feedback highlighting their teaching strengths.
- Specific examples of innovative teaching practices that foster critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and professional development.
- Evidence of creating an inclusive, respectful, and supportive learning environment for diverse students.

2. Commitment to Mentorship and Support for Students and Colleagues

Displays a strong commitment to the mentorship and development of both students and faculty colleagues, with clear evidence of:

- Providing guidance, support, and feedback that promotes the academic and professional growth of students.
- Actively fostering an environment where students from diverse backgrounds feel supported and valued.
- Mentoring peers or junior faculty, helping them build their teaching and leadership skills.

3. Innovation in Nursing Education

Introduces and implements innovative strategies in nursing education, including but not limited to:

- Developing new courses, programs, or clinical placement opportunities that respond to evolving health care needs.
- Incorporating technology and simulation in teaching to enhance student learning and practical skills.
- Designing interprofessional education initiatives or community-based learning that integrate theoretical and practical aspects of nursing.

4. Leadership in Advancing Nursing Education and Practice Quality

Leads initiatives that influence the quality of nursing education and its impact on practice, with evidence of:

- Actively contributing to institutional or program-level improvements in nursing education and curriculum.
- Engaging in leadership roles that advance academic practice, clinical partnerships, or nursing workforce development.
- Promoting **nursing excellence**, which is defined as the ability to foster the development of skilled, ethical, and compassionate nurses who meet current and future health care needs. This includes upholding high standards of care, evidence-based practice, cultural competence, and professional integrity.

5. Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Classroom and Beyond

Demonstrates a strong commitment to creating inclusive, equitable, and safe learning environments for all students. Evidence may include:

- Actively integrating **equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)** principles into course content, teaching methods, and student interactions.
- Fostering an environment where all students, regardless of background or identity, feel safe, respected, and supported to succeed.
- Addressing systemic barriers in nursing education and promoting cultural humility, social justice, and anti-oppressive teaching practices.
- Providing specific examples of how EDI has been embedded in classroom practices, curriculum design, or student mentorship.

CASN is committed to equity and diversity and welcomes nominations of persons across a diversity of gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, Indigenous identities, racialized identities, and disabilities and/or neurodivergences.

Please Note:

- All nominations are reviewed based on originality, successful implementation, and potential for wider application.
- Current Board members are excluded from receiving a CASN Award.
- The Awards & Nominations Committee reserves the right to move candidates between categories as required, and at their discretion.

Submission/Nomination Documentation

Individuals must be nominated in writing by a faculty member of any CASN member school. A complete nomination package should include the following:

- Completed & signed *Nomination Form*
- *3 Letters of Support*: Nomination packages include three (3) letters of support, including one from the nominator. The two other letters may be submitted by students, colleagues or individuals outside of your institution. The letters of support should be addressed to CASN's Awards & Nominations Committee. Letters should specifically reference the nominee's achievements and activities related to the award criteria, and identify the individual by name, title, and school/faculty. Additional letters of support will not be accepted.
- A maximum *250-word summary* (in Word format) of why this candidate is best suited for this award. This could include a description of the challenges, innovation, implementation, and impact of the educational strategies/approaches of the candidate. Descriptions which exceed 250 words will not be accepted. Note: this summary will be used in the CASN Awards Booklet if the candidate is the selected winner of the award.

Additional supporting documentation such as audio-visual materials, website addresses, manuals, and commendations from the candidate's institution or a partner organization may be included.

Selection Process

The Awards and Nominations Committee will review the nominations and present recommendations to the CASN Board of Directors. Please visit the CASN website (www.casn.ca) for more details.

SECTION ONE

Nominee/Candidate

Surname: _____

Given name(s): _____

Title: _____

Gender pronoun: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing address: _____

City	Province	Postal Code
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Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Language: English French

Institution Information

Number of nursing faculty: _____ full-time faculty: _____ part-time/sessional faculty: _____

Number of nursing students: _____ Number of nursing programs: _____

List type(s) of nursing program(s):

SECTION 2

Educational background (post secondary):

Qualifications Received	Year	School

Relevant work experience:

Relevant professional, committee and/or association experience:

Extra-curricular activities:

CHECKLIST

- Section ONE and TWO of the nomination form have been completed in full.
- I have included THREE letters of support (one from myself and two others from students, colleagues, or individuals outside of my institution) that clearly describe the nominee's accomplishments, leadership and commitments related to this award.
- I have included a 250-word summary of why this candidate is best suited for this award (in a separate WORD document).
- I have included a recent high-definition photo of the nominee.
- I have completed the nominator information and signed the nomination form below.
- The nominee/candidate has signed the nomination form below.

* Nominations that are incomplete (missing information or documentation) will be considered ineligible and will not be reviewed by the Awards and Nominations Committee.

NOMINATOR

Surname: _____

Given name(s): _____

Title: _____

Gender pronoun: _____

Institution: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Language: English French

SIGNATURES

Signature of Nominee

Name of Nominee

Date

Signature of Nominator

Name of Nominator

Date

Please submit your nomination package by email to
Sharada Boucher-Sharma, Strategic Operations Coordinator at: awards@casn.ca

DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026

You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 2 business days of submission.
If you do not receive the confirmation, please contact us.