



Nursing Education Excellence Award Simulation/Lab/Clinical Teaching 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 (Simulation/Lab/Clinical Teaching 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 (Simulation/Lab/Clinical Teaching Positions) will demonstrate the following characteristics:

Eligibility:

Is a member in a simulation, lab or clinical teaching position 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, with clear evidence of effectiveness and impact on student learning, as recognized by both peers and students. Evidence may include:

- Positive peer reviews or assessments of teaching practice.
- Strong student feedback, demonstrating the ability to engage and support students in their learning.
- Specific examples of teaching strategies that enhance critical thinking, clinical reasoning, interprofessional collaboration and professional development.

2. Commitment to Mentorship and Student Support

Exhibits a strong commitment to mentoring students and colleagues to foster academic and professional growth. Evidence may include:

- Actively mentoring students, especially those from underrepresented or equity-deserving groups, ensuring their academic success and personal development.
- Providing ongoing support for colleagues, helping them improve their teaching practices and academic leadership.
- Creating a learning environment that is supportive, inclusive, and promotes the development of students' professional identities.

3. Use of Innovative Teaching Modalities

Demonstrates the ability to introduce and implement innovative teaching modalities (such as AI, VR, high-fidelity simulations, or other advanced technologies) in nursing education. Evidence may include:

- Implementation of technology-enhanced teaching methods that increase engagement and learning outcomes, such as using simulation labs, virtual reality, or artificial intelligence in courses.
- Integration of innovative teaching tools in clinical placements and real-world practice environments to enhance students' skills and learning experiences.
- Development of new educational models that reflect the evolving needs of the healthcare sector.

4. Leadership in Advancing the Quality of Nursing Education

Champions efforts to improve and influence the quality of nursing education both within the academic environment and across practice settings. Evidence may include:

- Contributions to curriculum development, ensuring it meets current standards and addresses emerging healthcare challenges.
- Active involvement in shaping educational policies or initiatives that improve the nursing profession and academic standards.
- Leadership roles in academic committees, nursing education forums, or interdisciplinary collaborations aimed at enhancing nursing education.

5. Active Engagement in Promoting Excellence in Nursing Education

Demonstrates consistent and active engagement in promoting nursing excellence, which includes fostering the development of highly skilled, compassionate, and culturally competent nurses. Promotes high standards in education that lead to positive health outcomes such as improved patient care, professional integrity, and social responsibility. Evidence may include:

- Participation in local, national, or international discussions, conferences, or working groups focused on advancing nursing education.
- Development and implementation of strategies that enhance the quality of nursing education and prepare students for real-world challenges in healthcare.

- Contribution to the development of educational best practices that are transferable to other institutions or contexts.

6. Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in the Classroom and Beyond

Promotes an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students by embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) principles in their teaching practices. Evidence may include:

- Actively integrating EDI into curriculum design, teaching and learner assessment methods, and student interactions to create an environment where all students feel valued, respected, and supported.
- Demonstrating cultural humility and inclusivity in addressing diverse student needs, particularly for students from equity-deserving groups (e.g., Indigenous students, racialized students, LGBTQ2S+ students, students with diverse abilities).
- Providing specific examples of how the nominee has fostered a safe and inclusive learning environment, such as implementing anti-oppressive teaching practices or advocating for inclusive educational policies.

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.

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

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SECTION 2

Educational background (post secondary):

Qualifications Received	Year	School

Relevant work experience:

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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 maximum 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.