



Wendy McBride Award

Accreditation Reviewer Excellence

Nomination Form 2026

The **Wendy McBride Award for Accreditation Reviewer Excellence** was created by CASN to acknowledge the contribution of a former Executive Director, to CASN and to the CASN Accreditation Program.

Accreditation reviewers play a critical role in maintaining the quality, integrity, and credibility of the CASN accreditation program. As external peer reviewers, they assess nursing education programs against CASN accreditation standards using a fair, objective, and evidence-informed approach. Through their professional expertise and collegial engagement, reviewers contribute to quality assurance and continuous improvement in nursing education, while recognizing program strengths and identifying opportunities for enhancement in teaching, and scholarly activity.

Reviewers demonstrate professionalism, integrity, and respect throughout the accreditation process and commit to participating in accreditation reviews on a regular basis.

Eligibility & Criteria

The recipient of the CASN Wendy McBride Award will demonstrate the following characteristics:

Eligibility:

Is a current CASN Reviewer who has participated in an Accreditation Review in the last two years. The nominee can be any participating member of the accreditation review team. The nominee must have a current RN registration within the last 12 months.

Criteria:

1. Demonstrated Expertise in CASN Accreditation Standards and Processes

Evidence that the nominee demonstrates a strong and thorough understanding of the CASN Accreditation Program purpose, standards, policies, and review processes, and consistently applies them with integrity, fairness, rigor and professional judgement during accreditation reviews (on site and virtual).

2. Meaningful Contribution During Onsite and Virtual Accreditation Visits

Provides substantive leadership and professional expertise as a member of an accreditation review team during onsite and/or virtual visits, including:

- Contributing thoughtfully to team discussions and deliberations.
- Providing clear, balanced, and evidence-informed assessments of programs.
- Writing or contributing to comprehensive, constructive, and well-supported site visit reports.
- Ensuring that feedback is practical, meaningful, and aligned with CASN standards.

3. Commitment to Continuous Quality Improvement in Accreditation

Actively contributes to the evaluation and advancement of the CASN Accreditation Program beyond participation in individual reviews, supporting quality assurance and integrity. Evidence may include:

- Participating in ongoing accreditation activities, reviewer development sessions, or calibration exercises.
- Offering thoughtful suggestions for improvements to accreditation standards, policies, tools, or processes.
- Supporting consistency, transparency, and excellence in accreditation practices over time.

4. Sustained Engagement and Service to the Accreditation Program

Demonstrates a sustained commitment to serving as an accreditation reviewer, contributing time and expertise over multiple review cycles. Evaluation will focus not solely on the number of reviews completed, but on:

- The quality and consistency of contributions.
- Willingness to serve on review teams when called upon.
- Professionalism, reliability, and collegiality in team-based accreditation work.

5. Promotion of Excellence in Nursing Education Through Accreditation

Advances excellence in nursing education by:

- Identifying strengths and exemplary practices in programs under review.
- Providing constructive recommendations that support program growth and continuous improvement.
- Upholding the credibility and integrity of the CASN Accreditation Program as a national quality assurance mechanism.

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. ***Please note: one of the letters of support must be from the dean/director/chair of a nursing education program that was recently reviewed OR a review team member with whom the nominee has worked.*** 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 nominee's commitment to the Accreditation program. 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 TWO

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 the award for which the candidate is being nominated. **Please note: One of the letters of support must be from the dean/director/chair of a nursing education program that was recently reviewed OR a review team member with whom the nominee has worked.**
- 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.