

2017 Award Categories

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*Previous winners are not eligible to apply for any nurse of the year award within 5 years of winning.
Previous winners are not eligible to apply for an award in the same category they've already won.*

Advanced Practice	Registered Nurse who is a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse Anesthetist or, Nurse Psychotherapist.
Behavioral Health	Registered Nurses in Mental Health and Addictive Services.
Care Coordination/ Public Health & Ambulatory Care	Registered Nurses in Case Management, Hospice, Home Health & Palliative Care, Managed Care/ Registered Nurses in public health, clinic, office and other ambulatory care settings and/or school, transplant coordinators, outpatient diagnostics, parish and prison nursing.
Charge Nurse	Registered Nurses in general medical/surgical or specialty unit care of nursing who function in the Charge Nurse role. Includes Adult ICU/CCU, IMC, cath lab and special procedures, PTCA Interventional Radiology, ER, Surgical, Labor & Delivery, NICU with intermediate care units and PICU.
Clinical Support	Registered Nurses in all areas of support including IT, Informatics, Infection Control & Occupational Health, Quality & Risk Management.
Critical Care/ Emergency	Registered Nurses in adult ICU/CCU, IMC, cath lab and special procedures & PTCA Interventional Radiology/ Registered Nurse in ER, Flight, Ambulance, Pre-Hospital, Telephone Triage and Peds ER.
Education <i>Presented by Chamberlain College of Nursing</i>	Registered Nurses who are educating future nurses, or those advancing their careers by obtaining higher education through university/college, hospital & community college/other school setting. Includes nurses providing education within a hospital and/or community setting, including schools; includes nurses who have made contributions that have advanced either research or the nursing professions.
Evidence Based Practice & Research	Registered Nurses who have advanced the practice by conducted or utilized EBP & nursing research to improve patient outcomes. Nominations in this category can be submitted for individual performance or a team project. If submitting a team nomination, the project leader must be an RN.
Friend of Nursing (Non-Nurse)	Person/professional who works closely with nurses & who supports the professional nurse in providing comprehensive nursing care to the patient & their family. Their collaboration with nurses improves the outcome/ experience of the patient & their family.
General Medicine/Surgical	Registered Nurses in general medicine, surgical, orthopedics, oncology, neurology, renal respiratory, cardiovascular, Perioperative, Preoperative, PACU, Day Surgery, OR & Endoscopy & including those caring for patients in specialty Long Term Acute Care Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Acute Rehabilitation Long Term Care Facilities.
Nursing Leadership/ Administration Management	Registered Nurses who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in nursing or patient care. May include Entrepreneurs, Consultants, CNE's, CNO's, VP's and Administrative Directors; also those with supervisory roles in a clinical or non-clinical setting; full-time, shift/clinical coordinators and Department Directors or Department Managers.
Pediatric	Registered Nurses in nursery, general pediatric units, pediatrics clinics, oncology settings, PICU & NICU.
Rising Star	Registered Nurse who, within the first 18 months of practice, exemplify outstanding care, leadership and professionalism.
Student Nurse	Students enrolled in either a BSN or an ADN, with a minimum GPA of 3.25, who has assumed a leadership role in a nursing student organization as well as exemplified outstanding participation within the community. Only nursing faculty may nominate students for this category.
Women's Health <i>Presented by Dignity Health</i>	Registered Nurses involved in Antepartum, Labor and Delivery, Maternal/Baby Care, Postpartum & Gynecology.

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Distinguished Nurse of the Year

The Distinguished Nurse of the Year Winner will be selected among top finalists in all categories by the Winner Selection Committee. This individual would be a licensed nurse in Arizona for a minimum of 15 years who has demonstrated leadership and expertise throughout their career in the areas of patient care, community services and advocacy. They give back to the profession in diverse ways, setting a positive example for current and future nurses.