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The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators Toolkit

NOMINATIONS

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What is the *DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators*?

The DAISY Foundation™ was formed in November 1999, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The nursing care Patrick received when hospitalized profoundly touched his family. The DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers

– from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators, was introduced in January 2024 and is evolving to include all Nurse Educators in the clinical and academic setting. The purpose of the Award is all-encompassing recognition honors every nurse educator, regardless of their teaching functional role and location.

Undergraduate and graduate students, preceptees, residents, clinicals, and professionals across the spectrum of nursing education, from practical/vocational through advanced practice nurses, are encouraged to nominate educators, NPD practitioners, mentors, and preceptors who have committed themselves to improving practice and advancing patient care. Colleagues of educators and students alike are invited to share compelling stories that highlight teaching, mentoring, compassion, and care.

Some examples of eligible formal nurse educators include, but are not limited to:

- Clinical, lab or simulation instructors
- Staff development specialists
- Clinical nurse educators

Some examples of eligible informal nurse educators include, but are not limited to:

- Preceptors for APRN, RN, LPN/LVN, graduate nurses or pre-licensure nursing students,
- Mentors
- Nurse colleagues
- Charge nurses
- Resource nurses
- Clinical leaders

This Award is for eligible nurses who are completing work at Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institutions.

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RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristics #1-3 adapted from the NLN Competencies for Graduates of Nursing Programs and #4-5 adapted from the NLN Competencies of Academic Nurse Educators.

PART I – Primary Characteristic: Fosters a compassionate environment where learners flourish.

PART II – Additional Characteristics: Nominee must demonstrate two of the following to positively impact learner(s) growth in practice:

- Facilitates spirit of inquiry and lifelong learning.
- Promotes development and advancement of the learner professional identity.
- Facilitates learner development, socialization, and interpersonal communication.
- Demonstrates a collaborative practice which helps the learner to develop interprofessional relationships.
- Helps the learner to bridge theoretical concepts to clinical practice, which promotes critical thinking and clinical judgment.
- Expert resource using wisdom to demonstrate safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered care.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Nominee must demonstrate the Primary Characteristic and at least TWO of the Additional Characteristics.
- Licensed nurse involved in the formation of nurses or nursing students (see examples of formal and informal nurse educator roles in award descriptions).
- Guidance/practice must take place in Wisconsin in a direct and/or simulated patient care setting.
- Current practice in Wisconsin and holds an active unencumbered nursing license.
- Eligible licensed nurses including: Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Nurse, or Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse.

LIMITATIONS

- The work that the nominee is being recognized for must have been work completed at a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution*.

**The nominee does not need to be an employee of a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution in order to be eligible to receive the award, so long as the work they are being recognized for was completed at a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution and they meet the eligibility criteria.*

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Please note that separate submissions are required for each nominee. Nominations are submitted electronically.



FAQs

Can I nominate a team of nurse educators?

No, this is an individual award.

Can I nominate a nursing faculty member who does not teach in direct patient care or simulation of direct patient care?

Yes, this person is eligible for the Award.

Can I nominate an APRN or graduate program preceptor for this Award?

Absolutely! So long as the work the preceptor is being recognized for is being completed at a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution and they meet the Award eligibility criteria.

I want to nominate a nursing clinical instructor but the school of nursing they work for is not a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution. Can I still nominate them?

If the work they are being recognized for was completed at a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution and they meet the eligibility criteria, then they would be eligible for the Award. For example, if the clinical instructor teaches clinical at a DAISY Partner hospital and the work they do at this hospital with students, staff and patients is the work they are being recognized for, he or she may still be eligible for this Award.

If the work the potential nominee is being recognized for is not affiliated with any Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution, then they would not be eligible for this Award.

I want to nominate a nursing clinical instructor for the work they do as a clinical instructor at a non-DAISY Partner Institution. They are a clinical instructor for a Wisconsin DAISY Partner school of nursing. Can I nominate this person?

Yes, so long as they meet the remaining eligibility criteria.

What if I want to nominate someone who is not affiliated with a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution?

If the potential nominee is not employed by or the work he or she is being recognized for is not at a Wisconsin DAISY Partner Institution, he or she is not eligible for this Award. However, the DAISY Foundation is always excited to welcome new partners!



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