



Invitation to Nominate a Territory Nurse or Midwife

The Minister for Health and the NT Department of Health, in conjunction with industry partners invite you to nominate an outstanding nurse or midwife for the 2017 Northern Territory Nursing and Midwifery Awards. These awards recognise the importance of nurses and midwives and celebrate their significant achievements in promoting the health and wellbeing of Territorians.

The award recipient for the Lifetime Achievement category will receive \$2000. The award recipients for all other categories will receive \$500 and may be chosen to be the Territory Nurse or Midwife of the Year, receiving a further \$2000.

Nominations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives are encouraged.

Nomination Criteria

Nominations are encouraged for nurses and midwives who:

- ◆ demonstrate exceptional practice
- ◆ made significant contributions or achievements in 2016
- ◆ display strong leadership or management in their chosen field
- ◆ made important contributions over their career.

These awards recognise individuals' outstanding commitment to the nursing and midwifery profession in the Territory.

Conditions of Nomination

Nominations may be made by members of the general public, colleagues, managers or employers. No self-nominations or nominations from a family member will be accepted.

The awards are open to nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and employed within any Northern Territory health service at any time during the 2016 calendar year.

Lifetime achievement nominees do not require a current registration.

The nominee must have no conditions/undertakings, limitations or notations on their registration.

Previous Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Award recipients are ineligible to apply in any category for at least two years after receiving the award.

Conditions of Acceptance

- ◆ The online nomination forms must be completed in full.
- ◆ Only one award category can be selected per nomination form.
- ◆ Finalists may be required to speak with the media and/or other groups.

The Northern Territory Government reserves the right to use any photographs taken during or associated with all events for the awards for use in the media and other promotional purposes.

Finalists and Award Recipients

Selection panels of professional representatives will review the nominations and select the finalists and award recipient for each category.

Finalists will be announced on Friday 5 May 2017 at the Celebration Launch in Alice Springs to coincide with International Day of the Midwife.

Award recipients will be announced on Saturday 13 May 2017 at the Gala Dinner in Darwin to celebrate International Nurses Day.

Key Dates

Nominations Open

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Nominations Close

~~Friday 3 March 2017~~ **EXTENDED to Friday 10 March 2017**

Award Categories

- ◆ **1st Year Graduate Nurse/Midwife of the Year**
Newly graduated Enrolled or Registered Nurses or Midwives working in any health care setting and who have demonstrated outstanding practice in their first year of employment.
- ◆ **Excellence in Aged, Disability and Residential Nursing**
Nurses who work in the health care areas of disability, aged services, nursing homes and hostels.
- ◆ **Excellence in Alcohol and Other Drugs Nursing**
Nurses who are employed in the area of alcohol and other drug services in any health care setting.
- ◆ **Excellence in Enrolled Nursing**
Nurses who are employed as an Enrolled Nurse in any health care setting.
- ◆ **Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery Education and/or Research**
Nurses and midwives who have made an outstanding contribution to education and/or research.
- ◆ **Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery Hospital Care**
Nurses who work in any hospital setting.
- ◆ **Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery Leadership**
Nurses and Midwives who have made an outstanding contribution in the area of leadership.
- ◆ **Excellence in Mental Health Nursing**
Nurses who are employed in the field of mental health in any health care setting e.g. inpatient, remote, forensic, community.

- ◆ **Excellence in Midwifery**
Midwives who are employed in any midwifery health care setting.
- ◆ **Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery Primary and Community Health**
Nurses and midwives who are employed in the non-hospital care setting (excluding remote health) e.g. Community Care Centres, Public Health, General Practice, schools.
- ◆ **Excellence in Remote Health Nursing/Midwifery**
Nurses and midwives who work in and reside in remote and/or isolated settings.
- ◆ **Team Award for Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery NEW**
Nursing and midwifery teams who are employed in any health care setting. Teams would normally comprise a minimum of three members and not exceed eight members. Although the team may include multidisciplinary members, a nurse or midwife must lead the team and comprise the majority of team members. Only nurse and midwife team members are eligible for nomination.
- ◆ **Client Appreciation Award for Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery NEW**
Nurses and midwives who work in any health care setting and are nominated by a member of the public for outstanding contribution to client care.
- ◆ **NT Administrator's Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Nursing/Midwifery**
Nurses and midwives who have made an outstanding, ongoing contribution to nursing and/or midwifery in the Northern Territory.

How to Nominate

- ◆ Nomination forms, nomination criteria and other information in regards to the NT Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards can be accessed through the NT Nursing and Midwifery nomination website.
- ◆ Only online nominations will be accepted for all award categories except Client Appreciation. Client Appreciation nominations may be emailed, telephoned or delivered in person.
 - ◆ Nomination forms must be completed in full.
 - ◆ Only one award category can be selected per nomination form.
 - ◆ **The online nominations forms cannot be saved so you may want to type write out your responses into a Word document and then copy and paste them into the online nomination form.**
 - ◆ **Please note the maximum word length for responses to each of the selection criteria.**
- ◆ Once you have submitted the application, your nominee will be asked to accept the nomination. If your nominee does not accept their nomination, the nomination will not be considered further.
 - ◆ When nominating colleagues for a team award, you are required to enter contact information for each team member. Each team member will be asked to accept the nomination. If the team member does not accept the nomination, his or her name will be removed from the team nomination.
- ◆ Finalists may be required to speak with the media and/or other groups.

Client Appreciation Nominations

Client Appreciation nomination forms can be:

- ◆ Completed online **OR**
- ◆ Downloaded from the NT Nursing and Midwifery website then:
 - ◆ scanned and sent via email to: nursing.info@nt.gov.au **OR**
 - ◆ Mailed to:
Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Department of Health
PO Box 40596, Casuarina, NT 0811

Making Your Nomination Count

The written application is the main factor in selecting award recipients. Tips for writing a successful application:

- ◆ Selection criteria for each category are described on each of the online nomination forms. Address each selection criteria for your nomination category, taking into account the context of practice and the award category. Judging panels consider all criteria equally when selecting the finalists and award recipients.
- ◆ Be clear in describing what makes your nominee stand out from other nurses/midwives. You may want to write the nomination as if you were addressing the selection criteria for a highly sought after job – be specific about the nominee’s strengths and use concrete examples. Describe excellence – simply doing one’s job will not be sufficient to impress the judges.
- ◆ Carefully consider the length of your responses. A clear, concise response is more likely to support your points than a lengthy, vague response.
- ◆ **Please note the maximum word length for each of the selection criteria.**

If you have any queries or concerns please telephone 1800 000 648 or email nursing.info@nt.gov.au

Selection Criteria

Individual and team awards

The Selection Criteria for the individual and team awards are based on the Strong Model of nursing/ midwifery practice.

Responses to each criteria are limited to a maximum of 250 words:

- ◆ **Comprehensive Client Care:** Demonstrates and/or influences high quality nursing/midwifery practice through excellence in delivery of direct client care and/or operational or professional coordination of clinical care in response to identified client and community health needs. Demonstrates meaningful improvement in clients’ engagement, health and/or wellbeing outcomes.
- ◆ **Support of Systems:** Contributes to and/or leads the development or implementation of policy

and/or acceptability of care delivery.

- ◆ **Education:** Supports the development and education of clients, families, community, and colleagues. Contributes to the development of a culture of life-long learning through building collaborative relationships, mentoring, and enhancing opportunities for learning for self and others.
- ◆ **Research:** Demonstrates ability to develop and implement robust evidence-based practices which drive innovation and change within the health care system and deliver high quality health outcomes for Territorians.
- ◆ **Professional leadership:** Promotes and/or advances the professions through sharing a vision, creating a culture of achievement, demonstrating excellence, caring for colleagues and others, acting as a role model, and/or influencing the profession at a local, NT, national or international level.

NT Administrator's Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Nursing/Midwifery

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises an individual who has:

- ◆ an established history of distinguished service to nursing and/or midwifery
- ◆ made a lasting contribution to nursing and/or midwifery practice
- ◆ exhibited leadership and provided inspiration to others in nursing and/or midwifery
- ◆ positively influenced nursing and/or midwifery on a state, national or international level.

Responses are limited to a maximum of 1500 words.

Client Appreciation Award for Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery

Nurses and midwives make a difference to the lives of patients or clients and their families as part of their normal working day. The Client Appreciation Award is the opportunity for a patient or client or a support person to a patient or client to make a difference to the nurse or midwife who cared for them or for someone they know.

Members of the public are invited to describe how a nurse or midwife made an outstanding contribution to the care of him or herself, or to someone they know, describing the circumstances and the actions or attributes that prompted the nomination.

Responses are limited to a maximum of 500 words.

Privacy Statement

The Northern Territory Government only uses information collected for the purpose for which it was supplied and such information will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose without the express consent of the person to whom the information relates, unless required by law.

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