

2009 Student Award Entry Form



The RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards ceremony will take place on 4 June 2009 at the Ramada Hotel.

Overall prize £500

Runner-up £250

This award is open to all pre-registration nursing and midwifery students in Northern Ireland. The award aims to recognise and reward excellence in professional education.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate the following:

- that they were instrumental in setting up a project or undertaking an initiative that benefited patients OR that they made an exceptional difference to patient care
- leadership skills
- academic excellence.

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How to apply

Nominations must include a summary (up to 500 words) describing the work or project the student is involved in. Nominations of students who have made an exceptional difference to patient care must be supported using evidence such as:

- summary detail or information from portfolios
- statements that must include evidence of exceptional nursing practice from:
 - lecturers, teaching or other educational and development staff who have experience of the student's impact on patient care
 - nursing staff who have worked with the student such as ward sisters/charge nurses, mentors or other clinical and care staff
- evidence of the student's contribution to the promotion and delivery of the essential aspects of nursing care through, for example, the essence of care initiative

Any evidence submitted must not exceed three A4 pages. The awards ceremony will take place at the Ramada Hotel on 4 June 2008.

Selection will be made by a panel of judges. The judges' decision is final.

Joint nominations will only be considered if they demonstrate clearly that the work undertaken was of a joint nature. Entries of more than three people per nominator will not be accepted.

If short-listed, the candidate will be required to attend an interview on a date to be confirmed by the RCN. **Attendance at the interview and awards ceremony is mandatory. Any candidate who withdraws from the awards ceremony after interview will not be accepted.**

Nominees for the Student Award must either be undertaking a pre-registration nursing programme or have successfully completed their programme within the last six months in Northern Ireland. Consent must be obtained from the candidate before a nomination is made.

A full copy of the criteria for entry to the RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards is available on request from the RCN by telephoning (028) 9038 4600.

**Please send your entry by
30 January 2009 to:
The Administrator
RCN Northern Ireland Nurse
of the Year Awards
Royal College of Nursing
17 Windsor Avenue
Belfast BT9 6EE**

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Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel (Work) _____ (Home) _____

E-mail _____

Term time address (if different) _____

Place of study _____

Year _____ Specialist area _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel (Work) _____ (Home) _____

E-mail _____

Job title _____

Place of work _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Verification

It is important that a third party verifies your nomination. Please ask a colleague of the person you are nominating, or a suitable person, to verify that your entry is genuine and sincere.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel (Work) _____ (Home) _____

E-mail _____

Job title _____

Place of work _____

Signature _____ Date _____