



Innovation Award Guidelines

The Innovation award has been created in recognition of a nurse who is able to show a change or improvement in nursing by introducing new ideas, devices or methods that have increased efficiency, effectiveness and /or a desirable outcome. The recipient should be able to show a plan, with coordinated activities, that leads from a concept to a finished product, in one (1) of the following categories:

1. Quality
2. Research
3. Evidenced-based Practice
4. Issue Referral

Nominator: Staff Nurses, leadership (supervisor, manager, advanced practice partner, director, etc.)

Nomination Requirements:

1. Nominations must be for another registered nurse or group of registered nurses.
2. The project or contribution must have occurred within the past 24 months.
3. The nominator may provide evidence from the nominee(s) to include as evidence to support the nomination.
4. No disciplinary action/s in past 12 months.
5. Manager or Advanced Practice Partner (APP) signature of endorsement and nomination criteria (email confirmation acceptable).

Nominator's Application Process:

1. Fill out the application form in its entirety (online preferred and submit to the centerfornursingexcellence@uams.edu), relating to the nurse(s) you are nominating; nominee's name, unit, and title. Indicate if the nominee is an individual or group. If the nomination involves a group, please list person(s) involved.
2. The person submitting the nomination must sign and print their name including their title, SAP number and date completed on the bottom of the form.
3. The nomination questions are to be completed by the nominator; there may be some questions the nominator will need to discuss with the nominee in order to gather additional information.
4. The nominator may request from the nominee(s) evidence, based on one of the innovation categories; Quality, Research, Evidenced-based Practice and/or Issue Referral. This could include, but not limited to, photos, flyers, newspaper entries, published work, presentations, awards and/or a copy of portfolio content the nominee(s) may already have available. Evidence of the finished product must be included and how it is currently being utilized on the unit/area.
5. The nominator will submit the completed application form, along with all evidence (if applicable) to support the nomination, to the Center for Nursing Excellence (CNE) on the 8th floor, Central building, Room 8031. Deadline to receive all information is **Monday March 13th**.
6. Nominees who meet the criteria will be acknowledged as well as selected winner during annual Nurses Week activities.



Innovation Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____

Title: _____ Unit: _____

Individual nomination

Group nomination

If nominees consist of a group, please list all involved in the nomination:

Nomination Questions

1. What evidence did this individual or group contribute and how do you think they have shown innovation in the field of nursing?
2. What impact has the action(s) had on nursing practice or patient care and what was their concept and how did they develop the idea into a finished product?
3. How did this nomination come to your attention?
4. What is the role/position this individual or group holds?
5. How has this idea changed or improved nursing with desirable outcomes?
6. Is there anything else we should know about this individual or group?
7. Have there been any other indicators of the success such as published work, presentations, awards, etc.?



Nominator's Signature (Please print and sign): _____

SAP: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____

Manager or Advanced Practice Partner Signature (Please print and sign):

SAP: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____