



Exceptional Resource Nurse of the Year Award Guidelines

The Resource Nurse of the Year is defined as a nurse who serves as a role model, through care within/outside their resource group. Do you know a nurse who goes above and beyond the basic requirements of the resource program? Do you know an Exceptional Resource RN?

- Someone who is an exceptional resource, who finds new and creative ways to impart their knowledge and experiences to their staff.
- Someone who has verified improvement within their area related to their work as a resource nurse.
- Someone who understands the importance of partnering with patients/families/staff for quality and safety.

Show that exceptional resource nurse how much they are appreciated by completing the attached nomination form.

Nomination Requirements:

1. Served 1 term of service (9 months) on unit as a Resource Nurse.
2. No disciplinary action within past 12 months.
3. Manager or Advanced Practice Partner (APP) and Resource Facilitator 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 you are nominating; nominee's name, unit and title.
2. The person submitting the nomination must sign and print their name including their title, SAP number and date completed on the top of the form.
3. The resource traits are to be completed by the nominator.
4. The nominator will submit the completed application form to the Center for Nursing Excellence (CNE) on the 8th floor, Central building, Room 8031.
5. Deadline to receive the nomination is **Monday March 13th.**
6. Nominees that meet the criteria will be acknowledged as well as selected winner during annual Nurses Week activities.



Exceptional Resource Nurse of the Year Nomination Form

Nurse nominated/title:	
Unit:	
Manager's Signature:	
APP's Signature (if applicable):	

Nominated by/SAP number and Title:		
Unit:		
Telephone Number		
Nominator's Signature		Date:

Resource Group:		
Telephone Number:		
Resource Facilitator Signature:		Date:

10 traits below: please circle (Yes) or (No) as it applies to the nurse you are nominating.

Yes	No	1. Provides constructive feedback to engage/involve staff (<i>timely, factual, and solution focused</i>).
Yes	No	2. Integrates specific resource (Safety, Skin, Diabetic, Pain, Value Analysis, Clinical Informatics, Retention) need/s not only on unit but also on units without a Resource Nurse in same specialty. i.e., online modules,
Yes	No	3. Provides evidence and implements evidenced-based practice change/s resulting in measurable outcomes impacting the patient and family experience.
Yes	No	4. Role models in collaboration with healthcare team and in mentoring new resource nurses.
Yes	No	5. Attends hospital committee/specialty conferences, i.e. Infection Control Meeting
Yes	No	6. Is nationally certified or has submitted a certification plan to obtain in specialty area.
Yes	No	7. Is responsible for integrating best practices of the specific resource into their respective units/areas in addition to overall CLP orientation via Staff Education.
Yes	No	8. Community service presentations outside of UAMS, i.e., nursing homes, health or safety fairs, schools, etc.
Yes	No	9. Considered a clinical expert and serves as a support to staff in resource specialty on/off the unit.
Yes	No	10. Presents at local, state or national level, i.e. ARNA, Men in Nursing, Hispanic Nurses, etc.)

Provide two (2) "Supportive" statements (one-two paragraphs, **only**, including specific examples) from nurses who have benefitted by the nominee's specific resource work within the past twelve months.
