



Celebrating Southern Nursing Excellence Awards 2023

Award Categories and Criteria

**Thursday 11 May (Southland)
Friday 12 May (Otago)**

(Award Event details to follow)

Nomination Information

The following entry criteria are applicable:

1. The Nursing Excellence Awards are open to all nurses working within the Southern district catchment area across all settings and providers.
2. Applications can be submitted by individuals or teams but only individuals may receive an award.
3. An individual may be nominated for more than one award if they meet the criteria. A separate application should be submitted for each award.
4. Take note of the specific prompts under each award category and describe in detail how your nominee meets these requirements. Expand by adding your own points.
5. Tell the panel why your nominee “stands out”. What do they do that makes a difference?
6. Consider describing examples, whilst being sure to maintain confidentiality of others.
7. You are welcome to include testimonials from other health professionals to support your nomination.
8. Information provided in any nomination will be held by Te Whatu Ora Southern for the purpose of assessing the applications and promoting the awards.
9. In submitting a nomination, you and your nominee consents to the publication of some or all of the information contained within their nomination.

See nomination form for further details and submission process

Nomination entries close Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 5pm

Nominees will be invited to an Awards Event in Invercargill (11 May) or Dunedin (12 May) when Award recipients will be announced.

Award Categories for Nomination

- **Clinical Excellence in Nursing Awards**
 - Hospital & Specialist Services
 - Aged Residential Care
 - Primary Health Care
 - Public Health
 - Community/Rural

This award recognises nurses who provide exceptional nursing care and role model clinical excellence in their practice. They are acknowledged by their peers as an exceptional nurse who provides compassionate care and always with the patient/client and their whānau at the centre. They promote and support best practice to achieve equitable outcomes and support the professional growth of others. They are inclusive and 'live the values' of their organisation or service, standing out as exemplars for the nursing profession.

- **Te Kete a Matariki Māori Nursing Award**

This award recognises nurses who provide leadership, innovation, knowledge and are engaged within Māori Health. This award acknowledges exceptional nursing care, role modelling, clinical expertise towards improving Māori health and wellbeing for iwi, hapu and Māori communities. They demonstrate their commitment to making a positive contribution to Māori health and are knowledgeable about diversity, equity, cultural safety within Māori Health. They lead innovation or quality improvement activities that promote, protect and preserve Māori health and wellbeing. They contribute towards caring for people as a role model to others, in their workplace and/or in the Māori community.

- **Pacific Nursing Award**

This award acknowledges and recognises significant contributions to Pacific health and Pacific nursing in a clinical, leadership, teaching or academic role in the community or any clinical setting. The nominee demonstrates cultural competency in any setting, engagement with Pacific communities and others to influence positive Pacific health outcomes. They role model good leadership qualities, cultural values and this can include mentorship, clinical supervision, and support of other Pacific nurses. They demonstrate collaborative working relations with the wider health and social sector to improve the health and wellbeing of Pacific people and communities. They champion, promote and support the interests of the wider Pacific nursing community.

- **Nursing Leadership Award**

This award recognises nurses who demonstrate strong leadership qualities in whatever role they hold. They are recognised as a valued and authentic leader who inspires others to be their best self. They are actively engaged in leading projects or activities that bring about positive change to improve the health and wellbeing of others. They are identified as leaders who are sought out by others to participate at an organisational, regional or national level.

- **Nursing Education Award**

This award recognises nurses who take a lead in educating and supporting nurses or future nurses in their development. They demonstrate collaborative practices centred on teaching and learning that supports the development of the wider nursing profession. They have made a significant contribution to expanding nursing's foundational knowledge, addressing challenges in nursing education or influencing nursing practice.

➤ **Nursing Research Award**

This award recognises nurses who are emerging or experienced researchers who have contributed to research that improves health outcomes either as part of their studies or their role. They have contributed to the integration of research and scientific findings to innovations in nursing education or their practice. If your nominee has published their research, please include the publication reference/s with your nomination.

➤ **Quality Improvement & Innovative Practice Award**

This award recognises nurses who have led a quality improvement initiative or innovation that has had a positive impact on outcomes or experience. They have played a key role in advancing clinical governance, assurance and improvement activities. They do this through working collaboratively with colleagues, patients/clients and whānau.

➤ **Patient Safety Award**

This award recognises nurses who have an unwavering commitment to building a culture of safety. They 'speak up' if they see actions that may compromise patient safety and champion patient safety initiatives and practices in their workplace. The nominee may be an everyday champion of patient safety who does not work in a leadership role but sees a need for improvement. They are committed to action, leading by example regardless of their position or responsibilities.

➤ **Rising Star Award**

This award recognises nurses who show promise in becoming an exceptional member of the nursing profession. They have already made significant contributions to the nursing profession early in their career by seeking opportunities to be challenged. They inspire and encourage others.

➤ **Preceptor or Clinical Supervisor Award**

This award recognises the critical contributions that preceptors or clinical supervisors make to advance student or new graduate nurse's learning. They are recognised by students or new graduates for their exceptional enthusiasm for the role and as someone who embodies the qualities, skills and values of the ideal preceptor or clinical supervisor. They demonstrate a commitment to fostering clinical excellence through encouragement, mutual respect and creating valuable learning experiences.

➤ **New Graduate Nurse Award**

This award recognises early career nurses who have successfully completed the NETP or NESP programme in 2022. Nominees have demonstrated significant accomplishments and contributions as emerging members of the nursing profession. They stand out for a particular piece of work they have done or have been recognised for their early career achievements.

➤ **Special Awards/Memorial Awards/Donated Awards – *These awards are not for open nomination and categories and winners will be announced at the Award Events.***