

Visionary Leadership for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Around the World

Call for Award Nominations

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses

ISPN Awards provide an opportunity for the association to formally recognize some of the many outstanding contributions of psychiatric mental health nurses throughout the world. Using criteria established by ISPN, the Awards Committee solicits nominations and selects recipients of the awards listed below.

Clinical Practice Award

The Clinical Practice Award is given to a psychiatric-mental health nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the care of people with mental illness and/or their families at a local and/or national level. The primary responsibilities of this nurse are clinical rather than administrative or academic. Clinical practice may include direct care, consultation, etc. The candidate demonstrates exceptional clinical performance that has made an impact on nursing practice and patient/family outcomes and is viewed as a role model by colleagues.

Education Award

The Education Award acknowledges exceptional creativity and effectiveness in curriculum development, teaching strategies, student recruitment and support, educational outreach and/or other activities by a psychiatric-mental health nurse educator; viewed as a mentor and role model by colleagues and students.

Research Award

Candidates for the Research Award are evaluated on the following criteria: 1) contribution to the generation of new psychiatric-mental health nursing knowledge; and 2) impact of their research on improved psychiatric-mental health nursing clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. The nomination must describe the impact of the research on clinical practice, care, delivery and/or policy. Peer reviewed presentation and publication of findings, receipt of external grant funding, and research activities, such as mentorship, consultations and peer review service, are included in the evaluation of the candidate.

Diversity Award

The Cultural Competence Award recognizes an ISPN member (and may also recognize organization/s with which she/he works) who individually or as part of an organization has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing culturally sensitive mental health services to individuals, families and/or groups through 1) development of innovative and significant contributions to teaching of, research about, and/or practice of culturally sensitive mental health care in nursing, 2) development of knowledge that contributed to improved understanding or strategies regarding the influences of culture on mental health, 3) establishment of a culturally sensitive program to promote access to services for diverse individuals, families and groups.

Service to Psychiatric Nursing Award

The Service to Psychiatric Nursing Award is given to a non-nurse (individual or group of individuals) or to a non-psychiatric nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of psychiatric nursing.

Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship Award

To honor the memory of Melva Jo Hendrix, DNSc, RN, FAAN; to celebrate her leadership and to recognize her lifetime of contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing. To recognize psychiatric-mental health nurses whose careers exemplify Dr. Hendrix's values and principles - her unswerving commitment to improving care for the underserved, stigmatized, or disenfranchised and her dedication to mentoring others. The Award Winner will be announced at this year's conference and will present the lecture at the 2007 conference. Criteria: 1) articulate speaker; 2) evidence of leadership or emerging leadership; 3) recognition of work in the community (education, practice and research); 4) nominee's career addresses key variables in the purposes of the award - i.e. work with underserved populations or mentoring.

ACAPN Division Award

The ACAPN Award is given to an ACAPN member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in one of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - leadership in the advancement of the care of children /adolescents with mental health problems and their families at a local and/or national level; 2) service - contribution to the advancement of the discipline of child/adolescent psychiatric nursing or the care of children or adolescents with mental health problems and their families; 3) research - contribution to the body of knowledge concerning children or adolescents with mental health problems and their families through research; 4) education - contribution to the preparation of child or adolescent psychiatric nurses through teaching, policy development or curriculum development.

ISPCLN Division Leadership Award

The ISPCLN Division Award is given to an ISPCLN member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in psychiatric consultation liaison nursing in one or more of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - contribution to PCLN clinical performance that has made a significant impact on nursing practice and patient outcomes; is viewed as a role model by colleagues; 2) leadership/service - contribution to the promotion/advancement of the discipline of psychiatric consultation liaison nursing or the advancement of the care of patients and families with actual or potential mental health sequelae to other health problems or life events; promotion of collaboration with other psychiatric nursing groups and mental health disciplines; 3) research/writer - contribution to the body of nursing knowledge through valid reliable nursing research in the PCLN field, publication of work that influences patient outcomes related biopsychosocial needs, or published work that has added significantly to the knowledge base of PCLN practice; 4.) education - contribution to the preparation of psychiatric consultation liaison nurses through teaching, policy development or curriculum development.

SERP Division Jeanette Chamberlain Award

The SERPN Jeanette Chamberlain Award is given to a psychiatric nurse who has contributed to psychiatric nursing through activities that have advanced the field through public service, administration, development of healthcare policy and other service activities.

AGPN Division Award

The AGPN Award is given to a member of the Adult and Geropsychiatric Nursing Division who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - is actively involved in the management of the mental health needs of the adult and/or geriatric population: Practice occurs in individual or family settings and reflects expertise, sound knowledge of mental health issues, advocacy, fairness, respect, and compassion; 2) leadership/service - contributes to the promotion/advancement of the discipline or the care of clients or families with actual or potential needs through program development or promotion of collaboration with other psychiatric nursing groups and mental health disciplines; 3) research/writing - adds significantly to the knowledge base of adult or geriatric psychiatric nursing knowledge through published works; 4) education - contributes to the preparation of adult or geriatric psychiatric nurses through teaching, curriculum development, or policy development.

Nominations Process

Prepare and submit a nomination packet for each award nomination that includes:

1. An official nomination letter describing the ways the nominee meets qualifications for the award. Comment on the impact of the individual's contributions. If there is a particular reason for the timing of your nomination, please explain.
2. At least one additional letter of endorsement/support - which should cover similar considerations or elaborate on one or more primary achievements.
3. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae
4. Complete contact information for both nominee and nominator
5. Anything additional you'd like to include

You can let a nominee know of the nomination, or you can let it be a surprise.

Recipients of each award for the past 4 years are listed below. Please do not re-nominate an individual for the same award.

Nominees for the Division Awards must be members of the awarding Divisions. No self-nominations accepted.

Nominations are due February 13. All nominees will be notified of the results prior to the annual conference, winners will be recognized at a special event during ISPN's Annual Conference.

Questions about the application process should be directed to Awards Committee Chair Rica O'Connor at roc@u.washington.edu.

Materials can be emailed to bwheeler@hotmail.com or sent by post to:

ISPN

Attn: Bruce Wheeler
2810 Crossroads Dr., Ste. 3800
Madison, WI 53718

Materials may also be faxed to 1-608-443-2474

Awards Committee's Role

The Committee will consider the nominee's contributions and their impact that meet specific criteria for the identified award, and also the more general contributions the individual has made to the profession -- including the organization or division. Committee members also consider particular reasons for the individual's receiving the award at this time. While many award recipients are seasoned achievers, early career members who are making solid contributions have received awards in recent years.

Recent winners of ISPN Awards

2005

ISPN Education -- Lynette Jack
ISPN Cultural Competence (Diversity) Award -- Edilma Yearwood and Faye Gary
ISPN Research -- Janis Gerkenmeyer
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship -- Catherine Kane

2004

ACAPN - Liz Poster
ISPCLN - Melinda Morrisette
SERPN/Chamberlain - Jane Howarth White
ISPN Clinical Practice - Mark Soucy
ISPN Education - Catherine Kane
ISPN Research - Sandra Thomas
Diversity Award (new this year) - Deena Nardi
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship - Linda Finke

2003

ACAPN - Beth Bonham

ISPCLN - Karen Stanley

SERP/Chaberlain - Linda Finke

ISP/ Clinical Practice - Susan Krupnick

ISP/ Education - Diane Snow

ISP/ Research - Ginette Ferszt

Melva Jo Lectureship - Susan McCabe

2002

ACAPN - Mimi Alvarez

ISPCLN Nicki Lachman

SERP/Chamberlain - Sandra Thomas

ISP/ Education - Mary Durand Thomas

ISP/ Clinical Practice - Evelyn Parrish

[Sorry to say, I don't know who received the research award this year]

Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship - Pat Howard