2026 NIGHTINGALE NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION

Nominees must be currently licensed and working as a registered nurse in Wisconsin with an unencumbered license.

Nominee Information

Nominee's Name _____ Number of years in nursing: _____

Street Address_____City_____ State____ Zip_____

Nominee's Email Address_____ Nominee's Phone (___)_____

Nominee's Current Position:_____

at (institution or agency) _____

Nursing Education: ☐ ADN RN ☐ Diploma RN ☐ BSN RN ☐ MSN RN ☐ PhD RN ☐ DNP RN

Educational Institution(s) for Nursing Degree(s):_____

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Nominator Information

Primary Nominator's Name _____Nominator's Phone (____)_____

Nominator's Address_____City_____ State____ Zip_____

Nominator's Email Address_____

Association with nominee (e.g., supervisor, patient, peer)_____

Nominator: Please complete steps A, B, and C below. Submit completed nomination form with attachments to nhp@uwosh.edu no later than January 31, 2026 for consideration. You should receive a confirmation email within two business days informing you that the nomination was received.

A. Complete page two of the nomination form explaining how the nominee demonstrates excellence in nursing practice and deserves a Nightingale Award. Include specific examples to demonstrate the criteria outlined.

B. Secure **two additional letters of support** for your nominee. It is helpful to have a supporting letter from a patient or patient's family; however, this is optional (patient/family letters may be handwritten). Other support letters should be typed and limited to 2 pages or less.
   - Letters should be as specific as possible and provide examples of how the nominee makes a difference in peoples' lives.
   - Describe the nurse's area(s) of practice, and reflect how the nurse demonstrates exceptional care, evidence-based practice, and exceeds expectations.
   - Include examples of additional areas of service, community and nursing involvement, e.g. professionally-related volunteer work, leading support groups, leadership on committees (especially those resulting in positive change), educational offerings to the public (e.g., talks at schools, churches, etc.) and other initiatives in nursing that have led to improved care/outcomes for patients, families, community and public.

C. Attach three to five high-quality digital photos of the nominee. Please include at least one photo of the nominee alone, as well as photos of the nominee interacting with others, involved in nursing activities, with at least one work-related photo.

Nominator: Please fill in the boxes to describe how the nominee demonstrates the criteria outlined. Include specific examples. Attach up to one additional page if needed.

1. Practice Area: Nurses may practice in a variety of patient care settings. Settings for patient care may include hospital, long term care, home care, public health, schools, ambulatory, clinic, or any other patient care area.

2. Nursing Care: Uses knowledge and expertise to help patients cope with illness. Kindhearted, compassionate, caring individual with strong communication skills. Listens well and puts patients first.

3. Evidence-Based Practice: Seeks evidence-based practice guidelines to support patient care. Integrates clinical expertise, patient needs and choices, and the best research evidence into the decision-making process for patient care.

4. Care Expectations: Nurses are expected to provide care that meets minimum standards. Seeks to understand patient expectations and identifies additional steps to improve patient experience. Includes patients and families in the development and management of care.

5. Service: Examples of additional areas of service, community and nursing involvement identified. Professional and caring aspect of nursing extends beyond the boundaries of workplace. Works in partnership with individuals and/or groups to contribute to community and society.

Questions? Please email nhp@uwosh.edu or call 920-424-3114. The 2026 Nursing Excellence Award winner will be selected by the College of Nursing Board of Visitors and will be announced at the **Nightingale Award Dinner on Thursday, April 9, 2026.**