**Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board**

**CRRN Advocacy Award**

The purpose of the **CRRN Advocacy Award** is to recognize healthcare organizations that advocate for certification for rehabilitation nurses and provide support to and recognition of certified staff.

**Award**

Recipients will be announced at the **ARN Annual Conference** and at www.rehabnurse.org and will receive a certificate.

**Eligibility**

Organizations providing patient/client care that employ rehabilitation nurses are eligible to apply for this award. Organizations include but are not limited to inpatient rehabilitation units, long term acute care facilities, home health care companies, skilled nursing facilities, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation centers, and health systems. A unit or division of an organization is eligible to apply.

**Instructions**

Complete the application and submit it with

1. a letter of support from a nursing administrator.
2. a narrative or description of what the facility or unit does to support, encourage, and recognize certified staff.
3. evidence that the facility/unit provides support and/or recognition in each of the four categories.
   * Please identify the category the evidence is intended to support.
   * Do not include photos.

*Category 1 – Support a culture of certification*

Demonstrate that certification is an expectation and part of the unit/organizational culture by providing documentation of one or more of the following:

* CRRN certification is included in the clinical ladder/clinical advancement program
* CRRN certification is indicated as required/preferred in job postings
* other support

Acceptable documentation includes any policies or public/employee announcements related to these areas as well as copies of job posting which include certification as required/preferred.

*Category 2 – Support of initial CRRN certification*

Demonstrate support for initial certification by providing nursing staff one or more of the following:

* access to exam prep materials
* funding for review courses
* funding for examination fee
* time off for preparation
* time off on day of exam
* other support

Acceptable documentation includes any policies or public/employee announcements related to these areas.

*Category 3 – Support of ongoing CRRN certification*

Demonstrate support for ongoing certification by providing nursing staff one or more of the following:

* access to continuing education
* funding for continuing education or professional development activities
* funding for renewal fees
* time off for continuing education or professional development activities
* other support

Acceptable documentation includes any policies or public/employee announcements related to these areas.

*Category 4 – Recognition of CRRNs*

Demonstrate recognition of certified staff by providing nursing staff with one or more to the following:

* name badges with certifications
* pay differential for certified staff
* unit/facility-based recognition (ie workplace announcement, “wall of fame,” recognition breakfast/luncheon/dinner)
* other recognition

Acceptable documentation includes any policies related to these areas as well as copies of work place announcements or other recognition.

The application deadline is September 30, 2021. Please call 800.229.7530 or email [cert@rehabnurse.org](mailto:cert@rehabnurse.org) with any questions.

**RNCB Advocacy Award Application**

Please complete the information below and submit:

1. the application.
2. a letter of support from a nursing administrator.
3. a narrative or description of what the facility or unit does to support, encourage, and recognize certified staff.
4. documentation that the facility/unit provides support and/or recognition in at least two categories.
   1. Please identify the category the documentation is intended to address.
   2. Do not include photos.

**Nominee information**

Facility name: Click here to enter text.

Unit (if appropriate): Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Name & title of submitter: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text.

Based on number of eligible staff, what percentage of staff hold CRRN certification (unit or facility, as appropriate)? Click here to enter text.

This application includes documentation in the following categories:

Category 1 – Support culture of certification

CRRN certification is included in the clinical ladder/clinical advancement program

CRRN certification is indicated as required/preferred in job postings

Other support

**Please describe:** Click here to enter text.

Category 2 – Support of initial CRRN certification

Access to exam prep materials

Funding for review courses

Funding for examination fee

Time off for preparation

Time off on day of exam

Other support

**Please describe:** Click here to enter text.

Category 3 – Support of ongoing CRRN certification

Access to continuing education

Funding for continuing education or professional development activities

Funding for renewal fees

Time off for continuing education or professional development activities

Other support

**Please describe:** Click here to enter text.

Category 4 – Recognition of CRRNs

Name badges with certifications

Pay differential for certified staff

Unit/facility-based recognition

Other recognition

**Please describe:** Click here to enter text.

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