

Fellow status is an honor conferred by the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) on individuals who have been nominated and accepted for this recognition. Fellow status is the most distinguished level of membership in the organization and is a public hallmark of professional esteem. Fellow status is intended to recognize nurses who have displayed outstanding leadership in rehabilitation nursing and have provided sustained, distinguished contributions, service, and commitment to the field. Contributions include participation and leadership in the association, as well as external consultation, research, education, practice, administration, advocacy, and/or public service. The ARN Board of Directors confers recognition as a Fellow upon the recommendation of the ARN Fellows Selection Committee according to the criteria outlined below. Fellows will be granted the privilege of using the credential FARN (Fellow of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses). The total number of ARN Fellows shall not exceed 10 percent of the total number of ARN members.

BENEFITS OF FELLOWSHIP

- **Entitlement to use the letters 'FARN' as a professional credential**
- **Peer and public recognition as a rehabilitation nursing expert through opportunities to more substantially contribute to ARN**
- **Opportunities to participate in ARN projects and work groups to help determine the future direction of rehabilitation nursing**
- **Represent ARN on a national and global level with other nursing organizations through work groups, panels, or other collaborative initiatives**
- **Recognition as an expert in a specific area of rehabilitation nursing**
- **Membership in a network of respected distinguished clinicians sharing their expertise and experience**
- **Access to a network of like colleagues to raise collective concerns about the rehabilitation nursing specialty**
- **Recognition as a Fellow on the ARN website and in ARN publications, as well as access to the FARN directory**
- **Potential for enhanced professional credibility in consulting and legal testimony**
- **A personal sense of achievement**
- **Advantage in the job market**
- **Special badge recognition at ARN programs**
- **Privilege of upholding a time-honored tradition of peer recognition as an expert**
- **FARN pin and certificate**
- **Privilege of upholding a time-honored tradition of peer recognition as an expert**

1. I am interested in completing the application for ARN Fellowship

Yes

No

Responsibilities of Fellows

ARN Fellows are recognized as leaders and valued members of the organization. All Fellows must agree to:

Support the goals, mission, and strategic plan of ARN.

Examples: mentor new members of ARN; support and encourage other ARN members to share research or evidence-based practice findings through publications, presentations, and other communication venues; act as a model of both service and financial support for the organization; proactively approach interested parties on issues relating to rehabilitation nursing

Advocate for individuals with physical challenges and chronic health issues in cooperation with ARN and outside the organization to help transform America's health care system.

Examples: disseminate relevant information regarding issues of importance to ARN members and those receiving rehabilitation services; collaborate with ARN and other organizations, when needed, to strengthen advocacy/policy-making efforts; participate in lobbying efforts as requested by the Board of Directors; participate in opportunities to influence the development of standards of professional training and practice for rehabilitation nursing; use unique expertise to promote health and wellness through rehabilitation initiatives nationally and globally.

Offer their talents and expertise to the organization as desired, needed, or requested by the ARN Board.

Examples: provide leadership and liaison services as needed in areas of expertise; communicate issues of concern to the ARN Board of Directors; respond to requests for leadership in consultation or various initiatives from the ARN Board or ARN staff; offer advice to ARN on professional standards, appraisal and revalidation.

Participate in activities of the Fellows.

Examples: Attend annual Fellows meeting during the conference; communicate electronically and respond to feedback or suggestions on ARN issues; nominate and sponsor candidates for Fellow status; plan and participate in the Fellows initiatives.

ARN Fellows are required to maintain active membership in and service to the organization and the profession after the Fellow designation is conferred. Temporary exceptions may be made for extreme extenuating circumstances with the approval of the Fellowship Selection Committee.

Criteria for Selection of Fellows

- 1) Member in good standing with the ARN. (A retired membership is not eligible)
- 2) Evidence of outstanding contributions to ARN and evidence of outstanding contributions to advocacy at the local, national, or global level. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to:
 - Substantial leadership in ARN and the specialty, as evidenced by engagement in the local chapter and at the national level as well as at the local/chapter level, if there is an active chapter nearby.
 - Significant and sustained impact on the specialty through service, research, publications, presentations, education, administration, consultation, advocacy, or practice
 - Substantive honors, awards, or recognition for contributions to rehabilitation (including CRRN)
 - Distinctive contributions to the community in the area of rehabilitation
- 3) Demonstrated willingness and commitment to continue contributions to the profession and the organization.
- 4) Bachelor's level education or higher.
- 5) CRRN not required, preferred. (CRRN-Retired are ineligible)
- 6) ARN member for five or more years.

SELECTION PROCESS

A Call for Applications for Fellow status will be sent to all members via email. The Call for Applications for Fellow status also will be distributed to the ARN Chapter Presidents.

All applications for Fellow status must be received by the ARN National Office no later than midnight CT on August 15th. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their application has been received by the ARN National Office. If a receipt for the application has not been received by August 16, the applicant has 30 days to contact the ARN National Office. No applications will be reviewed after this deadline.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee will screen and review all applications and recommend a slate of candidates to the ARN Board of Directors for approval. The maximum number of candidates whose applications will be submitted to the Board shall not exceed 1% of the ARN membership annually. Those eligible candidates whose applications are not recommended for approval will be encouraged to resubmit an application the following year.

The scoring matrix used by the Fellows Selection Committee is available on the website. Applicants are encouraged to use this as a guide to determine whether the applicant has engaged in sufficient leadership, activities, and contributions to qualify to be a Fellow.

Candidates whose applications are approved by the ARN Board of Directors will be notified via email.

Both sponsors are expected to be active participants and supervise the application process, including providing verification that the application is complete and accurate.

NOTE: Partial submissions will not be reviewed. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their application has been received by the ARN National Office. If a receipt for the application has not been received within 2 weeks of the deadline the applicant has 30 days to contact the ARN National Office. No applications will be reviewed after this deadline.

Application Requirements

- 1) Applicants must be sponsored by two ARN members in good standing.
 - a. At least one sponsor must be a FARN
 - b. Only two sponsors per application will be accepted with at least one being a Fellow of ARN.
 - c. Applicants and sponsors are encouraged to share information and statements prior to submission.
- 2) A list of current FARN members can be found on the [ARN Website](#)
- 3) Applicants may not be sponsored by a Fellow serving on the Fellows Selection Committee.
- 4) Payment of the application fee (\$225) be received by the application deadline.

CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS FOR COMPLETE FELLOW APPLICATION

- o 2 sponsor statements (one from each sponsor)
- o Applicant statement
- o Letter of commitment
- o Completed application
- o Applicant's current CV
- o \$225 application fee

If you have any questions about this program or the application process, contact the ARN National Office at 1-800-229-7530 or info@rehabnurse.org.

Applicant Information

* 2. Contact Information

Name & Credentials

Company

Title

Address

City

State

ZIP

Email Address

Phone Number

* 3. ARN Involvement - Chapter Level

- I am a member of an ARN Chapter
- I am not a member of an ARN Chapter, but there is a chapter in my area
- I do not have access to an ARN Chapter in my area

ARN Involvement

This section is intended to show sustained and substantial involvement in ARN. This may be at the national or chapter level. Please be sure to be specific about what you have done and your role. If your CV/Resume lists this information, with all the specified details, you may check the box and skip filling this in.

Note: If reviewers cannot easily find this information, you will not receive credit

* 4. If your CV/Resume lists your sustained and substantial involvement in ARN, with specific details, you may check the box and skip filling this section.

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- My sustained and substantial involvement in ARN is listed in detail on my CV/Resume
- I would like to provide more information about my sustained and substantial involvement in ARN

ARN Involvement

* 5. ARN Involvement - Chapter Level.

List in date order, beginning with most recent involvement.

Group Name

Position Held

Dates of Activity

Please indicate if you were elected/formally appointed to leadership role or if you were a member of the group

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6. Use this space to provide additional information if you did not have space above for Chapter Level Involvement.

* 7. ARN Involvement - National Level.

List in date order, beginning with most recent involvement.

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Position Held

Dates of Activity

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8. Use this space to provide additional information if you did not have space above for National Level Involvement.

Community Involvement Within US or Internationally

This section is intended to show sustained involvement in advocacy, education, or other community activities that promote health/wellness, disability awareness and prevention, rehabilitation, and nursing. These activities should be outside of your workplace responsibilities (i.e. extracurricular rather than required for your job). These may include one-time events or on-going activity.

Examples: Organizing runners in a fun-run fundraiser, speaking to high school students on head injury prevention, serving on a community board of directors, appointment by politician for an activity/role, arranging shipments of training materials to another country, visiting other countries to support and advance rehabilitation and nursing.

* 9. If your CV/Resume lists your involvement in the US or internationally with all the specified details, you may check the box and skip this section.

Note: If reviewers cannot easily find this information, you will not receive credit

- My domestic and international community involvement is listed in detail on my CV/Resume
- I would like to provide more information about my domestic or international community involvement

Community Involvement Within US or Internationally

10. What has your community involvement been within the US or internationally?

Group Name

Geographic Location

Position Held

Dates of Activity

Activity Description

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11. Use this space to provide additional information if you did not have space above for domestic or international community involvement.

Publications & Research

Provide a listing of publications and research involvement that is relevant to rehabilitation and nursing.

* 12. If your CV/Resume lists your publication and research involvement, you may check the box and skip this section.

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- My publication and research involvement is listed in detail on my CV/Resume
- I would like to provide more information about my publication and research involvement

Publications & Research

13. Publications: Provide a description that shows APA-style format information that includes author names(s), date of publication, title of publication, journal or text in which publication is contained. Citation should show whether applicant was an author or a reviewer.

Citation

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14. Research: Provide a description that shows information about researcher names(s), title of research, dates of research, institution/affiliated entity. Description should identify role of applicant.

Description

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Awards & Honors

This section identifies the recognition you have received for your involvement and achievements in ARN, community organizations, and public service. Membership in other professional organizations is not an award or honor unless it was by invitation only, and the invitation was predicated on achievement. Commercially promoted listings, such as Who's Who, that are not predicated on specified achievements, are not considered awards or honors.

* 15. If your CV/Resume lists your publication and research involvement, you may check the box and skip this section.

Note: If reviewers cannot easily find this information, you will not receive credit

- My awards and honors history is listed in detail on my CV/Resume
- I would like to provide more information about my awards and honors history

Awards & Honors

16. Please provide information about your awards and honors history

Name of award/honor

Presented or awarded by

Date received

Name of award/honor

Presented or awarded by

Date received

Name of award/honor

Presented or awarded by

Date received

Name of award/honor

Presented or awarded by

Date received

17. Please provide additional awards and honor history if you did not have enough space above.

Applicant Statement on Impact of Contributions

This section describes the results of all of the time and energy you have contributed to the many activities you have done to advance ARN, rehabilitation, and nursing. Go beyond the information in your CV/Resume to describe how your efforts have mattered. Use this as an opportunity to provide personal meaning about how you have made a difference. Address the significance, scope, and impact of your contributions at the local, national and/or global level, including past and potential future service to ARN.

* 18. Describe what you consider to be your most outstanding contributions to rehabilitation nursing and relate your contributions to the Criteria for Selection of Fellows.

Limit your response, single-spaced, to 500 words or fewer.

* 19. Letter of Commitment

I agree to adhere to the responsibilities of Fellow status, including:

- Support the goals, mission, and strategic plan of ARN
- Advocate for individuals with physical challenges and chronic health care issues in cooperation with ARN and outside the organization to help transform America's health care system
- Offer my talents and expertise to the organization as desired, needed, or requested by the ARN board
- Participate in activities of the Fellows
- Maintain membership in the organization

I understand that I must attend a Fellowship Induction Ceremony in order to use the FARN credential.

I understand that if my membership in ARN lapses, the Fellowship ends. Upon reinstatement of membership, I will need to reapply for Fellow status.

I agree/understand

I disagree/do not understand

* 20. Upload your CV.

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen