



Massachusetts Association of Colleges of Nursing

MACN Academic Innovative Teaching Award

The purpose of the MACN Academic Innovative Teaching award is to:

1. Recognize baccalaureate and higher degree nurse educators or a team of nurse educators in Massachusetts who have demonstrated an innovative teaching method or approach in their academic course or clinical instruction.
2. To encourage nursing faculty to try new ideas in both the classroom, the nursing skills laboratory and/or clinical environment.
3. To provide opportunity for faculty to discuss, explore and build on demonstrated innovations in teaching.
4. To disseminate innovative teaching methods or approaches to other nurse educators in Massachusetts.

Award Criteria

The Innovative Teaching Award is intended for nurse educators who:

1. Hold a current academic nursing appointment in a member school of MACN during the academic year in which nominated. The academic appointment may be full-time, part-time or adjunct.
2. Introduce an innovative and creative teaching technique or method to their learning environment, classroom or clinical, for nursing students at either the baccalaureate or graduate level.
3. An innovative teaching technique is considered something new for the subject area as a whole.
4. The award will not be limited to those projects deemed entirely successful. Rather, evaluation of how the innovation could be modified for improvement if the results did not fully meet the stated goals and objectives would be important to include.

Procedures

1. One award will be granted each year.
2. Nominations (self or school) will be solicited from MACN member schools by October of each academic year.
3. Nomination application packets (described below) will be due by **March 1** each year; packets may be submitted electronically to the MACN secretary, who will forward to the review committee.
4. The MACN Nominating and Awards Committee will review the applications and make a recommendation to the MACN Executive Board, who will make the final decision.
5. A \$500 award will be given to the award recipient (recipient may be individual or team).

Application Packet

A complete application is required by **March 1** each year. The contents of the application packet includes:

- One nomination letter (one from Dean or Department Chair or Director)
- Two additional letters of support (one from an academic colleague and one from a student)
- Current CV
- Personal statement from the nominee (3-5 pages) determining how the criteria were met.

The statement should include the following sections:

- Description of the innovative teaching technique or method
- How the technique or method differs from traditional or current teaching approaches in the field
- Evidence of the success of the project and how it might be improved