

Medallion Criteria

- **Contributions to the profession**
- **Leadership in nursing practice**
- **Clinical excellence in nursing**
- **Excellence in Nursing Education**
- **Excellence in Nursing Research**
- **Service to the College**
- **Special recognition**

Contributions to the profession

Designed to recognize professional leadership in the nursing field.

Criteria: Demonstrates outstanding contributions to the field of nursing which identifies the individual as an expert in the field and which serves to improve and advance patient care in the nursing profession; has been involved in nursing and health affairs through election and/or appointment to offices, commissions and/or committees that are designed to shape the direction of the profession.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing, Villanova University

Leadership in nursing practice

Designed to recognize one who has improved the quality of patient care.

Criteria: Expertise in the development, implementation and/or administration of systems that facilitate and improve the quality of patient care; creativity, innovation or promotion of initiatives that have influenced the care delivered by others; possess personal qualities that serve to encourage high quality performance in others.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing, Villanova University engaged in nursing practice or its management.

Clinical excellence in nursing

Designed to recognize excellence in clinical nursing practice.

Criteria: Demonstrates exceptional competence in the application and integration of knowledge and skills in the direct provision of patient care; respects individual rights of patients as well as the spiritual, psychological and ethical dimensions of patient care; exhibits personal qualities of compassion and understanding in patient care interactions.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing, Villanova University who is actively engaged in clinical practice.

Excellence in Nursing Education

Designed to recognize excellence in nursing education and the teaching-learning process.

Criteria: Demonstrates excellence in teaching through the use of innovative teaching-learning methods; implements learner centered approaches to nursing education that inspire and motivate students; advances nursing education by promoting a theoretical and research based approach to teaching-learning; serves as a mentor or guide to students and other faculty to foster the development of professional competence and excellence in others.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing Villanova University who is actively engaged in nursing education at the collegiate level.

Excellence in Nursing Research

Designed to recognize excellence in nursing research.

Criteria: Demonstrates development of nursing knowledge through scholarly efforts and research and theory-based activities; conducts distinguished research in nursing practice or nursing education; communicates the findings of nursing research through scholarly writings, presentations, consultations, and teaching; fosters the use of evidence-based practice in nursing practice and nursing education; demonstrates expertise in his/her area of scholarship.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing Villanova University who is actively engaged in research in nursing practice and/or nursing education

Service to the College

Designed to recognize outstanding service and/or support of the college.

Criteria: Demonstrates exceptional service on committees or in activities designed to foster the goals of the college; and/or consistently contributes personal resources to support college and alumni activities; actively promotes the college/university and reflects the ideals of Villanova University in his/her community and through personal and professional interests.

Eligibility: Graduate of the College of Nursing, Villanova University who demonstrates exceptional service and/or support of the college and/or its alumni association.

Special recognition*

Designed to recognize one who is considered to be a special friend of the college.

Criteria: Demonstrates special and outstanding service, support and/or assistance to the College of Nursing, its students and/or faculty.

** Honorary alumni membership, College of Nursing, Villanova University, award of the college's medallion or other forms of public recognition deemed appropriate.*

Eligibility: Nurse or non-nurse; need not be a Villanova University graduate.