



<p><b>REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE AWARD:</b> Honors an individual nurse, working in a role other than an advanced practice role, who demonstrated excellence in a nursing practice setting. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides nursing care by applying scientific and humanistic knowledge to the needs of a population.</li> <li>2. Improves the delivery of care within current setting by sharing ideas and encouraging quality improvement efforts in the clinical area.</li> <li>3. Achieves positive patient outcomes through the process of planning and delivering goal-directed care.</li> <li>4. Assumes accountability for continued professional development.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE AWARD:</b> Recognizes an individual Advanced Practice nurse who exemplifies excellence in performing the advanced practice role. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides care to patients within an expanded scope of practice which may include diagnosing nursing and health needs, treating disease states, prescribing and delivering preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative care.</li> <li>2. Demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach to promote comprehensive health care for patients along the continuum of care.</li> <li>3. Exemplifies excellence in delivering care so as to impact the removal of barriers to expanded role utilization.</li> <li>4. Monitors outcomes of care and actively engages in actions to improve the health of patient and/or community groups.</li> </ol>	<p><b>NURSE RESEARCHER AWARD:</b> Honors an outstanding nurse who has conducted notable research. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports the body of nursing practice by promoting change through research.</li> <li>2. Utilizes research methodologies to conduct scientifically sound research.</li> <li>3. Develop tools and techniques leading to quantifiable qualitative outcomes.</li> <li>4. Facilitates ongoing professional growth through use of strategies that foster empowerment in professional practice.</li> </ol>
<p><b>COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD:</b> Recognizes outstanding Voluntary contributions (group of individual) to the health and welfare of a community through an organized and systematic effort. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides health care, education or other service to citizens of a community.</li> <li>2. Develops &amp; implements a program to enhance the quality of life in a community.</li> <li>3. Impacts population health in a general or specific manner.</li> <li>4. Extends personal time to volunteer in the promotion of population health to a general or specific community in need.</li> </ol>	<p><b>NURSE EDUCATOR AWARD:</b> Honors an outstanding Nurse Educator. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrates a commitment to education and the educational process.</li> <li>2. Utilizes creative teaching methods to enhance learning.</li> <li>3. Creates a stimulating environment in which to mentor students and/or clients throughout the learning process.</li> <li>4. Demonstrates the ability to impact knowledge retention and practical application of theory by the students whom are guided and impacted in a positive way.</li> </ol>	<p><b>PROMOTING ENVIRONMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING PRACTICE:</b> Honors an individual, nurse, organization, or group within FNA West Central Region for actions or programs consistent with the philosophy, goals, and mission of the Florida Nurses Association. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports innovations in nursing practice.</li> <li>2. Utilizes management strategies, which facilitate the needs of individuals and collective needs of nurses.</li> <li>3. Fosters quality/safe patient care.</li> <li>4. Facilitates ongoing professional growth.</li> </ol>
<p><b>NURSE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE AWARD:</b> Honors an exceptional nurse who has advocated for legislative policies to improve the health of our communities and nursing practice. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extends personal time to conduct legislative advocacy actions in accordance with the current FNA legislative agenda.</li> <li>2. Facilitates local legislative nursing activities to engage other nurses.</li> <li>3. Develops strategies to improve grassroots legislative efforts.</li> <li>4. Promotes community awareness of policies that affect healthcare &amp; nursing.</li> </ol>	<p><b>NURSING LEADER: ADMINISTRATION/ ACADEMIA AWARD:</b> Honors an outstanding Nurse Leader in the field of administration or faculty leadership in nursing. Core Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performs unit level, middle-management, or upper level leader functions, which contribute to the Vision and sets standards for quality of nursing care within the organization or college/ university setting.</li> <li>2. Creates a facilitative environment for the delivery of high quality care and for the professional development of the nurses.</li> <li>3. Advocates for the appropriate utilization of Registered and Advanced Practice nurses to meet the needs of patients.</li> <li>4. Provides leadership and direction to assure that nurses are equipped with the resources, knowledge and tools to provide safe, effective, and efficient care utilizing research and the nursing process.</li> </ol>	