

DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Nursing Clinical Educators: FAQ's

Can I nominate a nursing faculty member who does not teach in direct patient care or simulation of direct patient care?

No, this person is not eligible for this particular Award.

However, he or she may be eligible for the **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty** administered and maintained through the school of nursing. If your nursing school offers the **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty**, consider nominating the nursing faculty member for this Award! If your nursing school does not offer this Award, rest assured! The DAISY Foundation is excited to welcome all nursing schools as DAISY Partners! [Click here to learn more about becoming a DAISY Partner.](#)

Can I nominate an APRN or graduate program preceptor for this Award?

Absolutely! So long as the work the preceptor is being recognized for is completed at an New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution and they meet the Award eligibility criteria.

I want to nominate a nursing clinical instructor, but the school of nursing they work for is not an New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution. Can I still nominate them?

If the work they are being recognized for was completed at an New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution and they meet the eligibility criteria, they would be eligible for the Award. For example, if the clinical instructor teaches clinical at a DAISY Partner hospital and the work they do at this hospital with students, staff, and patients is the work they are being recognized for, he or she may still be eligible for this award.

If the work the potential nominee is being recognized for is not affiliated with any New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution, they would not be eligible for this award.

I want to nominate a nursing clinical instructor for the work they do as a clinical instructor at a non-DAISY Partner Institution. They are a clinical instructor for an New Jersey DAISY Partner school of nursing. Can I nominate this person?

Yes, so long as they meet the remaining eligibility criteria.

What if I want to nominate someone who is not affiliated with an New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution?

If the potential nominee is not employed by or the work, he or she is being recognized for is not at an New Jersey DAISY Partner Institution, he or she is not eligible for this award. However, the DAISY Foundation is always excited to welcome new partners! Consider becoming a DAISY Partner Institution today! [Click here to request information to learn more about becoming a DAISY Partner.](#)

What is the difference between this and the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty?

When we developed this Award in collaboration with the DAISY Foundation, we were very attentive to the need to develop an award different from the awards they already offer. In summary: the key difference between this Award and the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty is that this Award highlights/recognizes nurse educators, mentors, and preceptors **involved in forming nurses or nursing students in direct patient care settings**. We added simulation, considering the potential future growth in this area as an alternative to clinical and practice-based learning.

The group of educators the DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Nursing Clinical Educators targets includes those with formal nurse educator titles (such as clinical instructors, hospital unit-based nurse educators, and CNSs), as well as those in informal roles who do not necessarily have “educator” in their job description, but they are intricately involved in the formation of nurses at the bedside — such as unit preceptors, informal mentors (that person who everyone goes to and sees as a wealth of knowledge and expertise), and APRN preceptors. These are the “boots on the ground” nurse educators who have direct contact with patients and the formation of students or practicing nurses in a clinical setting.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty reaches a broader base of nurse faculty and is offered by nursing schools, whereas the DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Nursing Clinical Educators focuses on educators at the bedside and bridges academia and clinical practice.