



2025 Arkansas March of Dimes Nurse of the Year

AWARD CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Registered and Licensed Practical nurses in Arkansas that are in good standing with the AR State Board of Nursing are eligible. Nominee must exemplify an extraordinary level of caring and compassion in the delivery of patient care services. Nominee is perceived as a leader among peers and affects positive change in the profession, workplace and community.

Category	Includes
ADVANCED PRACTICE	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetists, and Nurse Psychotherapist.
CHARGE NURSE/HOUSE SUPERVISOR	Includes nurses in all clinical areas who function in the Charge, Lead or Shift role (Does not include Relief Charge). A registered, competent, professional nurse who supervises, directs, and supports the nursing staff on all shifts. Has strong clinical and problem solving skills and acts as administrative representative of the hospital in the absence when the administrative team is not on site.
CRITICAL CARE	Includes adult ICU/CCU, IMC, Cath lab and special procedures, PTCA Interventional Radiology, Cardiology, with intermediate care units.
EDUCATION	Includes University / Junior College, Hospital, Community (schools etc.) and Research.
EMERGENCY	ER, flight, ambulance, pre-hospital, telephone triage, and Peds ER.
GENERAL MEDICAL/SURGICAL	Medical, surgical, orthopedics, neurological, renal respiratory, cardiovascular, nursing dependent upon specialty for either category.
INFECTION CONTROL, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, QUALITY & RISK MANAGEMENT	Nursing in IC/EH and Occupational Health Settings, Performance Improvement, Quality Management, Risk Management, Informatics, Patient Advocate, Patient Safety in Community and/or Hospital.
LPN'S	LPN's serving in roles to assist the registered nurses and doctors in a patient setting.
NURSING EXECUTIVE	Includes Consultants, CNE's, CNO's, VP's, System Service Line Directors.
NURSING MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATOR	Clinical Director/Nursing Manager/Unit Manager of 2 or less departments/Unit Supervisor. Administrative Directors, Clinical Directors of 3 or more units, Single Hospital Service Line Directors.
NEONATAL/PEDIATRIC/WOMEN'S HEALTH	Nursery, general pediatric units, pediatric clinics, PICU, NICU, Antepartum, Intrapartum, Maternal/Baby Care, Postpartum, and Gynecology.
PUBLIC HEALTH, AMBULATORY CARE & OTHER NURSING SPECIALTIES	Public health, clinic, office and other ambulatory care settings and/or school, government agencies, Indian health facilities, reservations, Parish, prison nursing and/or transplant coordinator, nursing caring for patients in Behavioral Health, Hospice, Home Health, Long Term Acute, Rehabilitation, etc.
RISING STAR	Nurse within the first 2 years of practice who exemplifies outstanding caring, leadership, and professionalism.
SURGICAL SERVICES	Perioperative, Preoperative, PACU, Day Surgery, and/or Endoscopy.