Clinical Nurse Excellence Award  
UK Healthcare

AWARD: The Clinical Nurse Excellence Award is given to any RN or LPN who routinely goes above and beyond, who demonstrates excellence in their role and functions as an integral and contributing member of the healthcare team.

PURPOSE: To recognize excellence and their contributions to the overall care of patients at UK Healthcare.

ELIGIBILITY: Any RN or LPN working a 0.2 FTE or greater and employed within UK Healthcare who meets the stated award criteria.

NOMINATIONS: Any person employed within Nursing Services or within Ambulatory Services at UK Healthcare may submit nominations.

CRITERIA: Using this nomination template specifically indicate how the nominee meets 4 out of the 7 listed criteria. The asterisk/bolded (*) item must be addressed.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD: Award winners will be recognized during a specified month for their unit and will also be recognized by the Chief Nurse Executive (or his/her designee) during National Nurses’ Week.

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RN/LPN NOMINEE: ______________________  &  UNIT: ______________

NOMINATION APPLICATION COMPLETED BY: __________________

CRITERIA: In 1 or 2 paragraphs, please specifically address at least 4 of the items listed below. Item with asterisk (*) must be addressed.

1. Demonstrate commitment to UK Healthcare and their work unit (committee work, preceptor, special projects)

2. Role model excellent communication and clinical skill (communicates to patients and members of the health care team in a respectful, courteous manner and demonstrates knowledge of clinical skills, attends in-services and seeks out opportunities to learn)

3. Collaboration reflects teamwork (self-motivated, takes initiative, willing to assist others outside their assigned group of patients or tasks, flexibility), holds self and peers accountable

*4. Evidence of very good customer service (written notes from patients/peers, observations by manager/peers)

5. Outstanding work ethic and positive attitude
6. Uses current knowledge in patient care (research, evidence based practice)

7. Demonstrates creativity and looks beyond the obvious in planning patient care (risk taking and visionary planning)