AANN
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

Who Is the Best Neuroscience Nurse You Know?
Nominate a colleague for a Neuroscience Nursing Award. Nominations are due by Friday, October 31, 2025.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSES (AANN) AWARDS

Nominees must be a current AANN member, and no self-nominations are accepted. Award applications can be found at **AANN.org/awards**.

RISING STAR IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in clinical practice for an emerging neuroscience nurse in the novice to competent stage of career development, and is open to all AANN members with 1–3 years of experience in neuroscience nursing.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding chapters that support and advance the activities of AANN. This award is given in acknowledgment of chapter innovation that contributes to neuroscience nursing evidenced by development and implementation of innovative projects. Activities may be in the areas of education, health promotion, or other areas identified as a need by the chapter.

EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PATIENT CARE AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in clinical practice for a nurse caring for a neuroscience patient in either an inpatient or outpatient setting. This award recognizes the potential of a nurse in the competent to expert stage of career development.

TEAM HARMONY AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding unit/clinic that supports and advances excellence in neuroscience care in harmony. The award is open to any unit (inpatient or outpatient) where patients receive neuroscience care. At least one member of the team must hold a current AANN membership. Nominees for this award demonstrate team member engagement to drive and support patient outcomes, contributes to the professional growth of team members to expand their scope within neuroscience, and demonstrates excellence through leadership and advocacy for neuroscience health.

EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING AWARD

This award is presented to a neuroscience nurse in an advanced practice role. Nominees demonstrate excellence in nursing care and advancement of neuroscience nursing as a specialty through the development and support of nurses.

EXCELLENCE IN NEUROSCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD

Nominees for this award demonstrate excellence in neuroscience nursing through contributions that inspire, develop, and support nurses in the provision of care to neuroscience patients. This award is open to nurses providing education related to neuroscience nursing, including clinical educators, clinical nurse specialists, academic faculty, and staff nurses.

MARY DECKER MENTORSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a neuroscience nurse for modeling excellence and mentoring other neuroscience nurses. Mary Decker exemplified excellence in mentorship through her work as a staff nurse, nurse practitioner, and member of the Hydrocephalus Association, Medical Advisory Board.

AMERICAN BOARD OF NEUROSCIENCE NURSING (ABNN) AWARD

Nominees must be a current CNRN or SCRN certified nurse. The award application can be found at **ABNNcertification.org/awards**.

CERTIFICANT OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes one certified nurse's outstanding achievements in neuroscience nursing. The certified nurse of the year contributes to neuroscience nursing through professional service, mentoring and education, patient and staff advocacy, and promotion of the certification.