

My nominee is an outstanding leader and an integral part of our unit. As our Clinical Coordinator, my nominee is dependable, approachable, and highly respected by our staff. My nominee is a proponent for continuing education and sets a positive example through actions. Due to leadership, passion for learning, and excellence in performance, my nominee is an ideal candidate for Mary Decker Mentorship Award. My nominee continues to inspire and nurture staff to achieve and serves as a role model on our unit. My nominee is an asset to the field of neuroscience nursing and deserves this award for her professional excellence and dedication to patients.

My nominee believes in lifelong learning and is an advocate for continuing education within the nursing profession. She enjoys learning about the diagnoses affecting our patients and shares interesting information with the staff. For instance, my nominee was overheard discussing the link between stroke and dental hygiene with staff. My nominee regularly encourages nurses to work toward professional certification, specifically the SCRNP and CNRN. My nominee was the first nurse on our unit to earn SCRNP certification and was a pillar of support when I studied for the exam. By asking about my studying and sending links to helpful videos, my nominee gave me confidence and provided reassurance throughout my exam preparation. When I passed my exam, my nominee became excited and said, "I had confidence in you." Due to her passion for education and knowledge, my nominee obtained Seizure and Epilepsy Certification and was a driving force in opening the new comprehensive EMU at our hospital. My nominee is planning to obtain CNRN certification and has been supportive since I am studying for the same exam. Additionally, my nominee is starting the program for her MSN degree in January 2025. My nominee is an excellent mentor and has encouraged additional nurses to obtain certification.

My nominee encourages active involvement in the field of neuroscience nursing and recommends joining the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN). My nominee speaks positively regarding membership in a professional organization and discusses the benefits and opportunities for nurses who join. My nominee also introduced our staff to the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) and its contribution to

neuroscience nurses. My nominee encourages nurses to become involved in their profession beyond the floor.

My nominee is a positive role model, recognizes achievement among nurses, and encourages them to do their personal best. My nominee is approachable, frequently smiling, and appears to enjoy Neuroscience nursing. My nominee facilitates communication between nursing staff and management by attending Stroke Committee meetings, the annual Stroke Conference, and is the EMU committee chair. My nominee is frequently observed on the floor asking nurses how things are going and offering assistance when needed. It is not uncommon to see my nominee assisting with medication administration or checking on a patient if the nurse is temporarily unavailable. My nominee is eager to help and enjoys meeting and connecting with the patients and teaching them about stroke prevention. My nominee promotes cohesiveness among staff and reminds us that, "We are all on the same team."

My nominee is a positive role model and an outstanding mentor, leader, and educator. Her enthusiasm for nursing is infectious. My nominee is a team player and encourages both new and experienced nurses to strive for excellence. My nominee is on a quest for knowledge and shares love for learning with staff. My nominee embodies the attributes for the Mary Decker Mentorship Award and is a shining light in the field of neuroscience nursing.