



## The Purpose

The purpose of the *New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards* is to recognize excellence in nursing practice and honor nurses for the contributions they make to their organizations, communities, and the state.

Created by nurses for nurses, the *Nursing Excellence Awards* have honored **over 2,500** New Mexico nurse nominees since its creation in 2005.

## The Awards

*Nursing Excellence Awards* are given in 19 nursing specialties to recognize excellence in practice. In addition, there are special awards which include:

The "*Touch a Life*" Award celebrates the special relationship between nurses and their patients.

The prestigious *New Mexico Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award* is presented to an individual whose practice exemplifies the best of the nursing profession.

The *Nursing Legend Award* pays tribute to retired nurse leaders whose lifetime achievements have significantly contributed to the profession.

## The Process

A call for nominations is announced in May of each year, during Nurses Week, with nominations accepted through mid-August. Anyone can nominate a nurse for an award. There is a nominal \$75 nomination fee, which covers the nominee's attendance at the gala. The nominations are blinded and evaluated based on established criteria by a committee of professional nurses from around the state.

## The Dinner

The *2018 Annual New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards* will be presented at a gala dinner on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town.  
Silent Auction: 5:30 - 7:00    Dinner: 7:00 pm with awards following. Tickets are \$100.

## The Sponsors

The *New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards* are presented by **Lovelace Health System**, with **Presbyterian Healthcare Services** and **University of New Mexico Hospitals** as major sponsors. The Awards have over 25 community sponsors from around the state.

## The Beneficiary

Proceeds of the *Nursing Excellence Awards* support the *New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence* (NMCNE). The NMCNE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance the nursing community through the convening of stakeholders and initiatives that support nurse practice, education, professional development and the profession as a whole throughout the state of New Mexico.



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