

ISPN Awards

Jeanette Chamberlain Psychiatric Leadership Award

Jeanette Chamberlain Award is given to a psychiatric nurse who has contributed to psychiatric nursing through activities that have advanced the field through public service, leadership, administration, development of healthcare policy, and other service activities.

ISPN Clinical Practice Award

The Clinical Practice Award is given to a psychiatric-mental health nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the care of people with mental illness and/or their families at a local and/or national level. The primary responsibilities of this nurse are clinical rather than administrative or academic. Clinical practice may include direct care, consultation, etc. The candidate demonstrates exceptional clinical performance that has made an impact on nursing practice and patient/family outcomes, and is viewed as a role model by colleagues.

ISPN Diversity and Equity Award

The Diversity and Equity Award recognizes an ISPN member (and may also recognize organization/s with which she/he works) who individually or as part of an organization has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing culturally sensitive mental health services to individuals, families, and/or groups through: 1) development of innovative and significant contributions to teaching of, research about, and/or practice of culturally sensitive mental health care in nursing; 2) development of knowledge that contributed to improved understanding or strategies regarding the influences of culture on mental health; and/or 3) establishment of a culturally sensitive program to promote access to services for diverse individuals, families and groups. The award winner will present the Diversity/Equity lecture at the following year's conference.

ISPN Education Award

The Education Award acknowledges exceptional creativity and effectiveness in curriculum development, teaching strategies, student recruitment and support, educational outreach, and/or other activities by a psychiatric-mental health nurse educator viewed as a mentor and role model by colleagues and students.

ISPN Research Award

Candidates for the Research Award are evaluated on the following criteria: 1) contribution to the generation of new psychiatric-mental health nursing knowledge; and 2) impact of their research on improved psychiatric-mental health nursing clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. The nomination must describe the impact of the research on clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. Peer-reviewed presentation and publication of findings, receipt of external grant funding, and research activities such as mentorship, consultations, and peer review service are included in the evaluation of the candidate

Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship Award

The Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship honors the memory of Melva Jo Hendrix, DNSc, RN, FAAN; to celebrate her leadership and to recognize her lifetime of contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing. This award acknowledges psychiatric-mental health nurses whose careers exemplify Dr. Hendrix's values and principles—her unwavering commitment to improving care for the underserved, stigmatized, or disenfranchised, and her dedication to mentoring others. The Award Winner will be announced at this year's conference and will present the lecture at the following year's conference. Criteria: 1) articulate speaker; 2) evidence of leadership or emerging leadership; 3) recognition of work in the community (education, practice, and research); 4) nominee's career addresses key variables in the purposes of the award—i.e., work with underserved populations or mentoring.

Living Legends Award

The International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, (ISPN) Living Legends Award recognizes nurses who have made significant lifetime contributions to the profession of psychiatric-mental nursing on a state, national, or international level. The recipients of the Living Legends in ISPN Nursing Awards have inspired other nurses by virtue of such contributions. The candidate for this award has exhibited creativity and innovation in blazing trails for future nurses. The nominee is currently or has been a past member of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.

ISPN Psychiatric Mental Health Advocacy Award

The Psychiatric Mental Health Advocacy Award is given to a non-psychiatric nursing individual or organization for outstanding service or advocacy work or policy change for persons with mental illness.

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