

# ENRS Evidence-Based Practice Award

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## Description

The Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS) recognizes excellence in implementing nursing research in the practice setting by awarding the Evidence-Based Practice Award. This award is given to an individual or a nurse-led group using research-based evidence to make a practice change that results in demonstrated improvement in outcomes for the patient and family, staff, community, or organization. The Evidence-Based Practice Award is designed to encourage the use of best practices to improve the safety and quality of patient care or the improvement of patient care systems.

## Award Eligibility

- The individual or nurse leader of the group, including but not limited to DNP students or graduates, implementing the evidence-based practice (EBP) project must be an active member of ENRS.
- The evidence-based practice project that has been completed in the past five years.
- Current members of the ENRS Board of Directors or Awards Committee are ineligible.

## Award Criteria

Individuals or groups will be expected to describe their project as follows:

- Describe the practice problem or issue including available relevant internal evidence (data).
- State the focused practice question.
- Describe the process used to search for evidence to answer the practice question.
- Identify community or population at need.
- Critically appraise and synthesize the evidence.
- Include the practice recommendations for implementation.
- Describe the protocol for the evidence-based practice change.
- Describe the methods for implementing the protocol.
- Describe the methods for evaluating the effectiveness of the change, including any instruments that were used to monitor processes or measure outcomes.
- Present the results of the evaluation of the practice change (include findings, interpretation of findings, recommendations based upon findings). If this is an application with a re-evaluation, discuss the initial evaluation, if any changes to the protocol were implemented (include supporting evidence), and the re-evaluation.

- Describe the measurable benefits to patients/families/nurses/community/clinical agency.
- Describe the sustainability of the practice change:
  - What is the length of time it's been in place?
  - What demonstrates that the change is likely to become, or has become institutionalized
- **Please Note: This must be an Evidence-Based Practice project, not a research project (eg: quality improvement initiative, practice change program, program evaluation or translating evidence into practice)**

**Applications must follow these formatting requirements:**

- Maximum of four (4) single-spaced pages, excluding references
- (Font size and margins: 12-point font size, 0.5-inch margins)
- References should be cited in APA format.
- The final document must be submitted in a single PDF

**These documents must be submitted along with the application:**

- Two letters of support from individuals with direct knowledge of the EBP project (one-page limit for each)
- A personal statement identifying the setting and role they played in the EBP project (one-page limit)

**Notification:**

Email notifications will go out in Early February 2026. Winners will be formally recognized on Friday, March 27, 2026, during the Awards Luncheon of the 38th Annual Scientific Sessions.

**Contact:**

Please direct questions related to ENRS Annual Awards Nominations to the ENRS Main Office at [info@enrs-go.org](mailto:info@enrs-go.org).

After reviewing the above criteria and supporting documentation requirements, please complete the following nomination form. If you have any questions related to the completion of the form or the candidate's membership status, please contact ENRS.

# FORM

## **Main Contact (Nominator)**

Full Name (required)

Credentials (required)

Current Position (required)

Institution (required)

City (required)

State (required)

Email (required)

Self Nomination (Y/N) (required)

## **Team Leader**

Full Name (required)

Credentials (required)

Current Position (required)

Institution (required)

City (required)

State (required)

Email (required)

## **Supporting Documentation**

### **Supporting Documentation Criteria:**

1. Must be submitted as one (1) compiled PDF.
2. Save files as "Candidate Last Name\_First\_Name\_Award Name\_Date"

**Application must include the following:**

1. Letter of Reference #1 (One-Page Limit)
2. Letter of Reference #2 (One-Page Limit)
3. Project Description: The project narrative is limited to a maximum of four (4) single-spaced pages using 12-point font with 0.5-inch margins, excluding references (APA format). The final document must be submitted in a single PDF.:
4. A personal statement identifying the setting and role they played in the EBP project (one-page limit)

UPLOAD **Evidence-Based Practice Award Submission** (required)