Helen Henry Excellence of Interprofessional Care Award

NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2026-1 March 2027

NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2027.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's Biennial Convention.

PURPOSE

Established by Bonnie Wesorick, MSN, RN, DPNAP, FAAN, in honor of her mother, the Helen Henry Excellence of Interprofessional Care Award recognizes nurses and their partners collaborating to provide care at the bedside.

ELIGIBILITY

Any interprofessional team composed of a registered nurse with a baccalaureate degree or higher and other health professional(s) collaborating to deliver care at the bedside on an ongoing basis. Sigma membership is not required.

Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible. Nominees can receive only one award per biennium. Nominees can accept only one nomination per biennium. Recipients from 2023 and 2025 are not eligible to receive the same award in 2027.

CRITERIA

Nominations should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following on an ongoing basis:

1. Demonstrates compassionate, patient/family centered, hands-on care
2. Utilizes evidence-based care at the bedside
3. Utilizes interprofessional personalized plans of care
4. Demonstrates courage, critical thinking, and continuous learning
5. Exhibits exemplary collaboration and serves as a role model for others
6. Demonstrates the core competencies of interprofessional collaboration as defined by the Interprofessional Education Collaborative

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form
- Supporting narrative, including examples of the clinical care provided by the team (12 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc.—excluding nominator)
- Brief bio of team members (including degrees, credentials, current role and professional contributions, and recognition(s))
- Letter of acceptance—A statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma's biennial convention if selected as the award recipient
- Supporting documentation—Materials or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria (not to exceed 10 pages). This includes videos, writing samples, articles, photos, etc. This is an opportunity to expand

on the summary provided by the supporting narrative. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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