



Halifax Community College
Nursing Department
Patriot Award for Clinical Excellence

The Patriot award is presented by the faculty to a student who best exemplifies clinical excellence demonstrated through practice and caring. The award is presented to a student during their final semester in either the ADN or PN programs. Student will receive the award during the pinning ceremony. Examples of clinical excellence in nursing practice may include the following:

- **Competence:** Incorporates thorough knowledge of the science and art of nursing into clinical practice. Prepares for clinical by researching information that is vital to the patient's plan of care. Reflects on practice with class and instructor(s) to facilitate growth and learning. Is competent in technical/clinical skills.
- **Compassion:** Focusing care on the needs of the patient; being authentic and supportive while providing excellent care.
- **Confidence:** Builds trusting rapport with patients by being competent and prepared.
- **Commitment:** Brings energy and joy into clinical practice; arrives on time and exhibits professionalism.
- **Professionalism:** A professional is neat in appearance; adheres to a strict code of ethics; Demonstrates politeness and is well-spoken when interacting with others (patients, families, colleagues, faculty, etc.)
- **Advocacy:** Demonstrates personal and professional advocacy and practices within the framework of moral justice; demonstrates advocacy for patients in the clinical setting.

Nominee Name: _____

Program of Study: _____

Date submitted: _____

Please describe how the student meets the criteria for this award: