Office of Academic Clinical Affairs Clinical Training Sites of Excellence Awards

The clinical training sites of excellence program has been developed to recognize our community and clinical partners who go above and beyond in their support of our University of Minnesota learners. These may be external or internal clinical partners; clinical is broadly defined as any setting in which our health sciences learners are gaining experiences preparing them to enter the workforce promoting health and wellbeing of individuals, families, communities, and populations.

Form submissions: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp8smhOZDE4RbvLCqXRZg13T5EQmcSKPI-cl6F1ZNxFAA/viewform

Which clinical partner/agency would you like to recognize this year? Nominated partners should have hosted learners during the spring, summer, or fall semesters of 2021.

Is there a specific site/unit you would like to recognize with this nomination? If so, please enter it below. If not, please enter N/A.

What is the name of your point of contact at this clinical site?

What is the email address for your point of contact at this clinical site?

Was the decision to nominate this site made by an individual or by a committee/group? *

• Individual
• Committee/Group
• Other:

Nominator Name(s): If you answered committee or group to the question above, please list the names of all who were involved in this nomination. If this does not apply to you, please enter N/A. *

What types of learners are supported at this site? *

• Undergraduates
• Graduates
• Both
• Other:

Categories of Excellence
Emphasis will be placed on clinical sites that have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the categories below.

Please check all that apply to the partner/agency you are nominating

• Partnership during civil unrest
• Partnerships during COVID
• Partnerships of notable long standing commitment
• Partners stepping up to support learners despite adverse conditions
• Partners supporting diversity
Partners who support a large number of our learners
Partners who excel in IPE

Qualities of Excellence
You will be asked to specifically outline the ways in which this clinical site has demonstrated excellence in each of 3 categories--Creativity and/or Flexibility, Role Modeling and/or Driving Positive Change, and Transparency, Communication, and Collaboration. Please note that there is a limit of 500 characters in each category (approx. 100 words).

Creativity and/or Flexibility
For example, has the clinical partner accepted extra learners, adjusted clinical rotation schedules, or created and offered new clinical learning opportunities when clinical sites closed to learners due to SARS-CoV-2? Has the clinical partner supported our learners in staying on track toward graduation despite obstacles or hardships? Please note the 500 character limit.

How has this clinical partner demonstrated creativity and/or flexibility?

Role Modeling and/or Driving Positive Change
For example, does this site excel in interprofessional collaborative care, engage in community service, value diversity, demonstrate excellence in patient safety, or has it shown fortitude during challenging circumstances? Please note the 500 character limit.

How has this clinical partner demonstrated excellence in role modeling and/or driving positive change?

Transparency, Communication, and Collaboration
For example, has the site communicated frequently throughout the pandemic, the suspension of clinical experiences, and through the return of those experiences? Has the site ensured excellent communication between the site, the academic programs, and the learners? Has the site partnered with the academic program to support a struggling learner through development and implementation of an Individualized Education Plan? Please note the 500 character limit.

How has this clinical partner demonstrated excellence in transparency, communication, or collaboration?

Additional Information
If there is any other information you would like to provide to support this nomination, please enter it below? If there is nothing else you wish to add, you may continue to the next section. Please note the 500 character limit.
Recipient Selection Process
A small committee of individuals from a number of different health sciences programs, along with AVP Porta, will independently review and score all submitted nominations in advance of a meeting to discuss which sites should be recognized.

In group deliberations the committee will address these selection criteria:

1. Number of categories met in section 2 (Categories of Excellence)
2. Quality of the nomination (specific details outlining the ways in which the partner went "above and beyond")
3. Breadth of nomination by multiple schools/programs

Decisions will be announced in March.