



## 2026 NNPBC Nursing Awards Recipients Announced

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Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC, the province's professional association for nursing, is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 NNPBC Nursing Awards, recognizing outstanding nurses and nurse practitioners from communities across British Columbia.

This year's award winners reflect the distinction and diversity of the nursing profession. Across clinical practice, leadership, education, innovation, First Nations/Indigenous health and more, these individuals and teams are improving care and strengthening BC's health system.

### 2026 Awards Recipients

**Cariboo Memorial Hospital  
Emergency Department**

#### **Clinical Impact Award**

Honouring nursing professionals whose hands-on practice transforms patient outcomes and community health.

**Lisa Creelman, NP**  
Assistant Professor,  
Thompson Rivers University

#### **Educator's Impact Award**

Celebrating those who shape and inspire the next generation of nursing professionals.

**Abby Delmar, LPN**  
Licensed Practical Nurse,  
Yucalta Lodge LTC

#### **Emerging Leader Award**

Spotlighting early-career nurses already making powerful contributions.

**Trevor Hobbis, ESN**  
BScN Program,  
Vancouver Island University

#### **Future of Nursing Award**

Recognizing nursing students whose dedication and vision inspire future-focused leadership.

**Lillian Hung, RN**  
Associate Professor and  
Canada Research Chair,  
UBC School of Nursing

#### **Innovation & Inquiry Award**

Celebrating nursing professionals who transform care through bold innovation and evidence-informed action.



**Cheryl Whittleton, RN**  
Chief Nursing and Allied  
Health Officer, Interior Health

**Inspire to Lead Award**  
For transformative nursing leaders who  
guide teams, systems and transformation.

**Cathy Ulrich, RN**  
Former President & CEO,  
Northern Health

**Legacy of Nursing Award**  
*co-presented by NNPBC and the Canadian Nurses  
Association*  
Recognizing transformative leaders whose  
careers have left a lasting mark on the  
nursing profession.

**Raluca Radu, RN**  
Planetary Health Lead,  
Providence Health Care

**Planetary Health Champion Award**  
*co-presented by NNPBC and CANE-BC*  
Honouring commitment to sustainable  
practice and environmental advocacy in  
nursing.

**Ya·kił ʔawumuʔtiłamnamki -  
Ktunaxa Nation Regional  
Health Centre**

**Primary Care Champion Award**  
*co-presented by NNPBC's primary care programs*  
Honouring exceptional leadership, innovation  
and measurable impact in primary care.

**Melissa Crump, RN**  
Executive Director, Diversity,  
Equity and Inclusion,  
Provincial Health Services Authority

**Voice for Change Award**  
Honouring nurses who champion equity,  
justice and systemic change through  
public awareness.

**Juliet Bullock, RN**  
Site Manager, Cormorant Island  
Community Health Centre

**Wisdom in Wellness: First  
Nations/Indigenous Health Award**  
*co-presented by NNPBC and the First Nations  
Health Authority*  
Celebrating First Nations and Indigenous  
health leadership rooted in community,  
culture and healing.

“These recipients show what’s possible in nursing today, and where our profession is going. It’s a privilege to recognize their work and to celebrate the impact nurses and nurse practitioners are having in communities across BC,” said NNPBC CEO Angela Wignall.



All 11 award recipients will be recognized at the 2026 Nursing Awards Gala on May 28 in Vancouver, an evening bringing together the nursing and broader healthcare community to celebrate nursing excellence across BC through a reception, dinner and award presentations. Tickets are [available for purchase](#) through May 23.

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