

**Criteria for Community Health Nurses of Canada**

**Honorary Lifetime Membership Award 2025**

**Eligibility:**

* Honorary lifetime membership will be awarded to a CHNC member for significant lifetime contributions to the advancement of Community Health Nursing and Community Health Nurses of Canada.
* Honorary Life Membership will represent the highest form of recognition by CHNC
* Lifetime membership shall carry voting privileges and the right to hold office, but no obligation to pay fees.
* Members of the CHNC Board of Directors shall not be eligible for this award while in office.
* Posthumous nominations are welcome.

**Procedure for Nomination:**

* Any current member of CHNC who wishes to have a person considered for Honorary Life Time Membership may forward a submission to that effect in writing to the CHNC Executive Director.
* There is no form to complete for this award. A letter(s) of recommendation should be submitted to the Membership Committee by the **deadline of May 12, 2025**
* Nomination letters should be no more than two pages long. The submission should include an abstract summary of accomplishments – 1 or 2 paragraphs in length.
* The submission must provide evidence that the nominee has made a significant lifetime contribution to community health nursing through distinguished service or valuable assistance utilizing the following criteria:
	+ Contributed to raising the profile of CHNC
	+ Contributed to the growth and development of community health nursing through leadership in nursing practice, education, administration, policy, and/or research
	+ Made a significant contribution to the promotion of community health nursing

**Procedure for Election of Honorary Life Time Membership:**

* The nominations are reviewed by the Membership Standing Committee and recommendations for recipients made to the Board of Directors
* The Board of Directors will review the recommendations and reach a final decision at least four (4) weeks prior to the CHNC national conference.
* The awarding of Honorary Life Time Membership shall be endorsed by:
	+ The CHNC Executive, and
	+ A two-thirds majority of the board of directors.
* All matters relating to a nomination are confidential with only the final decision of executive and board in favour of the nomination being announced publicly.
* Only one Honorary Life Time Membership may be conferred yearly.

**Honorary Life Time Membership will receive the following:**

* Public recognition at CHNC National Conference
* Recognition on the CHNC website
* Honorary Life Time Membership with CHNC

Please email completed nominations to CHNC at communications@chnc.ca