**Criteria for "MN NACNS- Mary Fran Tracy Award of Excellence"**

Nominator will provide the following:

* A letter of recommendation (letter may be from nominator, colleague, nursing faculty member, nursing staff, and/or graduate nursing student.)
* Specific criteria for letters of recommendation explained below.
* Contact information for the person being nominated
* Letter of recommendation must be emailed to susan.schumacher@parknicollet.com **by September 1, 2019**.

CNS Nominee will have the following:

1. Current membership in MN NACNS (<http://mnnacns.org/> login and then click on “Member” to view directory)

2. Licensed by the State Board of Nursing to practice in the State of Minnesota as a CNS.

3. Have a minimum of three years of experience as a CNS.

Criteria:

 **Please include examples of how the nominee demonstrates excellence in education or practice. Consider the following criteria in describing the nominee:**

* Commitment to advancing expertise in their clinical specialty.
* Demonstrating leadership in promoting evidence-based practice.
* Demonstrating quality patient outcomes as a result of his/her practice.
* Supporting nurses in the delivery of patient care and the advancement of nursing practice.
* Promoting change or collaboration at the system level to improve or impact patient care.

Award will be presented to the recipient at the Annual MN NACNS conference on October 4, 2019.