

BACCN ESSAY COMPETITION

£200 Prize

Background: The British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) has the great pleasure of inviting post-registration students to submit an assignment, completed during this academic year, to win the prestigious BACCN Essay Competition Award. Through its various activities, the Association remains at the forefront in disseminating the latest developments in critical care nursing in relation to practice, research, management and education. In particular, *Nursing in Critical Care*, the flagship journal of BACCN has enabled many new authors to publish for the first time and thus contribute to advancing the art and science of critical care. The journal has also a strong track record for publishing papers on a wide range of topical issues as well as others that may be viewed as marginal, but nevertheless reflect the broad spectrum of critical care nursing concerns. The BACCN wishes to further its objectives and to retain this lead, therefore it is providing opportunities for nurses to develop their academic assignments and get these into print.

Eligibility: Any member of BACCN, who is currently in either full or part-time study, is eligible to submit an entry. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Please note the following conditions of acceptance;

- **Closing date 1st of August each year.** The written assignment/essay must have been completed between September and July in the pre-ceding academic year.
- All applicants must submit a typed testimonial from their respective lecturer confirming completion date of assignment
- The work can be on any subject but must demonstrate a direct relevance to critical care practice, education, research or management
- Only entries prepared along 'the guidelines for authors' will be accepted, see *Nursing in Critical Care* or visit <http://www.baccn.org.uk/journal/guidelines.asp>

Outcome:

- A panel appointed by BACCN will review all papers
- The successful applicant will agree to have their paper published in *Nursing in Critical Care*, and where necessary make appropriate corrections to meet the standards of the journal

- Presentation of the prize will be made at the National BACCN annual conference* held during September each year.
- The judge's decision will be final and the Association will not enter into any correspondence

* The successful applicant must meet their own registration fees and travel costs if attending the conference

Please attach the following sheet to your essay and send by the closing date **1st August** to Essay Competition, BACCN Administration, C/O Echo Events, 14 Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4HZ Tel: 0844 800 8843 or Email: baccn@baccn.org



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Name:		BACCN membership no:	
Address for correspondence:			
E-mail:			
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Professional Qualifications e.g. RN			
Institution	Year	Award/Qualification	Pin number
Academic Qualifications e.g. Degree, Post Grad etc			
Institution	Year	Award/Qualification	Grade/Merit/Distinction
Essay Title:			Word Count:
Name of Institution Assignment Completed:			
Lecturer's Name:			
Please complete as appropriate:			
I confirm (name) _____ that this is the work of _____ (student) was completed for _____ course, during the academic year 20__ to 20__.			
Signed _____ Date _____			