



## REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION INC.

### 2022 Scholarship and Awards of Excellence

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The RPNF proudly celebrates the accomplishments of Registered Psychiatric Nurses, and Psychiatric Nursing students. This year, the RPNF is disbursing \$2,000 in scholarships and is awarding two Awards of Psychiatric Nursing Excellence in the area of Clinical Practice and two Gold Medals of Excellence to graduating students of the Brandon University B.Sc.P.N. program.

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Scholarships are awarded to students of Psychiatric Nursing and Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have met specified criteria and are enrolled in approved and appropriate under-graduate, or graduate education programs which advance the profession of psychiatric nursing.

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#### John Kellie Scholarship



Amber Lynes

For the past 4 years, Amber Lynes has worked as a respite worker with individuals who experience intellectual and physical disabilities, honing relationship-building skills and focusing on interventions supporting individuals to thrive in their daily lives. She also volunteers at the Clubhouse in Winnipeg, engaging in mental health rehabilitation interventions. Ms. Lynes' work in these areas contributes directly to her future career as a psychiatric nurse. Ms. Lynes' goal is to work in the addictions field, assisting individuals dealing with substance use disorders, and she would like to be a part of developing the required supports and services.

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#### Annette Thorimbert Osted Scholarship



Riley Hammond

Riley Hammond's work history includes facilitating programs at the John Howard Society of Brandon at the Men's Resource Centre where services support individuals experiencing social health challenges in the community. He also works as a research assistant for the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health and the Faculty of Health Studies, and serves as Vice-President with the Brandon University Health Studies Students Association. Mr. Hammond's psychiatric nursing career goals include advocating for, and implementation of a supervised injection site in Manitoba, practicing mental health nursing in a forensic assertive community treatment context, pursuing graduate studies in public health with specialization in health policy and global health, and striving to support health equity for marginalized populations.

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#### John Alex Crawford Graduate Scholarship



Kayla Webb

Kayla Webb's research explores experiences in foundational psychiatric nursing education that RPN's have found to be meaningful in managing their personal and emotional response to trauma in the clinical setting. Through the identification of experiences that aid in the emotional management of exposure to traumatic experiences, Ms. Webb believes that more efficacious preventative measures can be integrated into undergraduate nursing education, indirectly promoting higher quality patient care and improving the quality of life of mental health nurses. It is hoped that curriculum content and training can be identified to assist psychiatric nurses to effectively manage personal and emotional responses to trauma experienced through practice.

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The RPNF also offers the following Scholarships, noting that this year there were not qualified applicants.

**McCormick-Henry National Scholarship** - \$1000: Awarded to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Canada who is taking further studies in seniors' mental health at a masters or doctoral level or through an accredited certificate program.

**Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarship** - \$500: Awarded to a RPN registered in Manitoba who is enrolled in a relevant certificate course or, who is presenting a paper at a local, national or international conference.

**Kay Armstrong Scholarship** - \$500: Awarded to a 4th year student in the baccalaureate program at Brandon University, with a GPA of 3.0:

**Alf Barnett Scholarship** - \$1000: Awarded to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Manitoba pursuing Masters or Doctoral Studies.



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The Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice are presented to Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) who are practicing in Manitoba to acknowledge contributions of RPNs to the profession within the four domains of psychiatric nursing practice: leadership, clinical, education and research. This year we are presenting two awards; both in the clinical domain.

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#### Award of Excellence-Clinical



Melanie Ogden

Melanie Ogden embodies excellence in clinical practice through her work as a psychiatric nurse on an adult acute psychiatric unit at Victoria General Hospital. Ms. Ogden is a caring and dedicated psychiatric nurse who is known for her authentic, genuine approach with individuals, families, and colleagues. She is respectful of all and is willing to do “the right thing even when it is the hard thing to do”. Her clinical skills are exemplary, and she leads by supporting and sharing knowledge with students as their preceptor, and with her co-workers. She is an advocate, ensuring a high standard of service and safety for the individuals she serves, as well as her colleagues. Ms. Ogden is highly regarded on the team and brings positivity into the workplace. She is a role model for psychiatric nurses, thereby promoting excellence in the clinical practice of others as well.

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#### Award of Excellence-Clinical



Shelby Eng

Shelby Eng is a past recipient of the RPNF Medal of Excellence upon graduation in 2020 and “exemplifies the standard of psychiatric nursing excellence” in her work at the Victoria General Hospital. Person-centred engagement and rapport-building are key to her approach. She considers the individual’s needs to be her highest priority while calmly and creatively determining best interventions. Ms Eng maintains a positive perspective even in the most challenging situations. She is an advocate for those she serves and ensures that services are provided in an ethical manner. Ms Eng is frequently a recipient of positive feedback and gestures from individuals with whom she has worked. She is a leader among team members, contributing to team morale and providing support and assistance when her peers need help. Ms Eng is an “asset to mental health programs in Manitoba” continually striving to “create positive system change”.

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#### Medal of Excellence-Brandon University, BScPN

The RPNF’s Medal of Excellence is awarded annually to a graduating student who has consistently demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and clinical proficiency in the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program, from each Brandon University campus. Criteria includes involvement in professional, community and/or student activities, high achievement in clinical courses, including the senior practicum, and high attainment in prescribed coursework. The 2022 recipients are:



Evana Popovich,  
Winnipeg Campus



Riley Hammond,  
Brandon Campus

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The Registered Psychiatric Nurses’ Foundation is incredibly proud of the accomplishments of the RPNF Scholarships and Awards recipients. They are an inspiration to the profession and are leaders in the field.

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