



Allied Health Policy Secretariat

Health Workforce Policy and Planning Division
Ministry of Health

Allied Health Professionals Day Awards

Background: Since 2022, the Allied Health Policy Secretariat has supported the proclamation of October 14 as Allied Health Professionals Day. Originating in the United Kingdom, Allied Health Professionals Day is now celebrated around the world to recognize and elevate the important contributions of the allied health workforce.

In 2026, the Provincial Chief Allied Health Officer will once again recognize the contributions of the allied health workforce through the Allied Health Professionals Day Awards.

Nominations & Eligibility: Nominations for the 2026 Allied Health Professionals Day Awards are open through October 9, 2026. Peers and organizational leaders can submit nominations on behalf of others.

Nominations must recognize individuals; however, the Outstanding Allied Health Team award is open to interprofessional teams with at least three allied health members.

All nominees will receive a recognition certificate from the Provincial Chief Allied Health Officer and may be recognized on the Ministry of Health's [allied health webpage](#).

To submit a nomination, please use this link. Thank you for your time and commitment to celebrating the outstanding contributions of BC's Allied Health Workforce!

**Click here to submit
a nomination** ➔

Award Categories: The Allied Health Professionals Day Awards are comprised of nine categories:

Exemplary Contributions to Indigenous Health and Reconciliation

- Embeds cultural safety and humility in clinical practice, education, or policy
- Participates in or leads anti-racism and decolonization initiatives
- Strengthens relationships with Indigenous communities through meaningful engagement, partnership, and mutual learning
- Demonstrates personal and professional growth through Indigenous-led and/or self-directed learning
- Promotes safe spaces for Indigenous and other racialized clients and colleagues
- Advocates for underserved populations

Outstanding Early Career Allied Health Professional

- Fewer than five years in practice
- Demonstrates exceptional collaborative qualities
- Contributes meaningfully to their team and community
- Advocates for system-level improvements in team care delivery

Excellence in Clinical Education

- Provides exceptional clinical education
- Develops high-quality educational resources or programs
- Fosters a positive learning environment
- Demonstrates commitment to professional development of self and others

Outstanding Allied Health Student Preceptor

- Promotes and actively contributes to a positive culture of student learning across the organization
- Demonstrates professionalism, fosters critical thinking, and communicates effectively within a safe and supportive learning environment
- Has actively supported a student practice education placement within the past 12 months

Allied Health Leadership

- Demonstrates outstanding leadership in either a discipline-specific role or as an interprofessional leader within their organization
- Recipients uphold the values of teamwork, innovation, service, quality, compassion, and integrity

Innovative Research and Knowledge Translation

- Contributes to impactful research
- Translates evidence into practice
- Shares findings through publications, presentations, or other means
- Advances their occupation's knowledge base

Excellence in Clinical Practice

- Demonstrates outstanding patient-centered care
- Promotes evidence-based practice
- Receives positive peer and/or patient feedback

Excellence in Rural and Remote Allied Health Care

- Practices in a rural community (identified in the [Rural Practice Subsidiary Agreement](#))
- Makes a significant positive impact on patient care and the surrounding community

Outstanding Allied Health Team (Team Award)

- Minimum of three allied health professionals
- High-performing team as measured by patient outcomes and experiences
- Exceptional collaboration across team members
- Fosters a culture of respect, inclusion, and shared leadership
- Engages in continuous quality improvement