

The Western Awards of Excellence Nomination Form



NOMINEE INFORMATION:

I/we wish to nominate the following **INDIVIDUAL:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Campus Address</u>	<u>Phone/Email</u>
Julie Whitehead	Faculty of Health Sciences, DesignED Lab, Elborn College room 1588c	519.661.2111 (81580) jwhiteh@uwo.ca

I/we wish to nominate the following **TEAM:** **Team Name:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Campus Address</u>	<u>Phone/Email</u>

NOMINATORS:

(Up to 3 nominators accepted)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Campus Address</u>	<u>Phone/Email</u>
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DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE:

Using the criteria below as a guideline, provide examples that demonstrate the nominee's involvement at Western. (Note: The Selection Committee's decisions are based **solely** on the examples you provide.)

Contributes directly or indirectly to providing an outstanding Western Experience for students, faculty, staff and/or alumni

It is our honour to nominate Julie Whitehead for the Western Award of Excellence for the admirable and dedicated work ethic she displays in supporting the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing. Both of us have worked closely with Julie this summer to move our nursing courses online in a very short timeframe. Throughout this, Julie has worked tirelessly to ensure that we had the support we needed to not only manage the changes this created, but to develop exceptional learning products for our students. Julie's expertise in instructional design and use of numerous electronic tools and platforms allowed us to prepare and execute our courses in a consistent and user-friendly way. There were many times that the heavy workload this created required us to work well past normal business hours, including most weekends, and Julie was always there to ensure the weekly lessons were ready for the students in a timely fashion. We

feel that Julie has provided exceptional customer service and always did so with a positive and friendly attitude. Instead of advising us to limit our lectures to simple design and narrative, she encouraged us to enhance our teaching content with interactive slides that she was able to animate, allowing the students to have a better learning experience. Julie consistently demonstrated concern for the best student experience.

Promotes leadership and personal growth

During the preparation of our online course, Julie anticipated what we would need to improve our work experience and provided instruction and resources to assist us. Prior to this, she had created a “How to” site on OWL that provides guidance for faculty on how to use different products. Her simple instructions with screenshots provide a step by step process that anyone can follow, thus enabling faculty to develop their own skills and abilities. Julie willingly shared her knowledge with us and was always ready to teach us what we needed to know to be independent with our course sites. Julie’s enthusiasm and positivity for her work were uplifting and helped to decrease the stress we felt in navigating this new world. As a result, both of us have experienced a great deal of personal and professional growth in our development as educators.

Builds and fosters Western’s Core Values (Integrity, Respect and Commitment to Service)

Julie’s dedication to her work in support of faculty and students cannot be overstated. She worked long hours to help us meet our deadlines and always responded to requests with an upbeat attitude that affected all members of the team with positivity. When workplaces have employees like Julie who genuinely care and are mindful of their colleagues, it creates a brighter culture that motivates and helps others on the team to thrive. Julie’s commitment to service excellence and passion for her work clearly make her an extraordinary employee and very deserving of the Western Award of Excellence.

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