ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility Requirements for Individual Schools

- Applicants must be NLN member schools of nursing accredited by the NLNAC or CCNE.
- COE designated schools must be NLN members at the time of application and are required to maintain accreditation and NLN membership throughout the designation cycle.
- Schools with more than one program must show evidence of excellence in all programs since COE designation is awarded to the school of nursing as a whole.
- Schools applying as a system must show evidence of excellence in all programs and degree-granting entities and meet the requirements of system eligibility.

Eligibility Requirements for Health Care Organizations

- Applicant must be accredited by the appropriate health care body.
- Applicant must be an NLN associate member at time of application and is required to maintain membership and accreditation during the designation cycle.
- All acute care, long term care and homecare organizations are eligible to apply.
- Organizations must show evidence of partnership with an academic institution(s).

Eligibility Requirements for Schools and Health Care Organizations within a System

The applicant must encompass more than one educational setting comprised of a single governing authority who serves as the lead nursing educational administrator (LNEA). This individual is ultimately responsible for sustaining the standards of nursing and education practices. A single application will be submitted for the system that addresses all criteria as required. Applicants applying as a system must meet each of the following requirements in addition to the requirements for individual programs.

- There must be one organizational mission, vision, and set of values for the entire system.
- There must be one governing board for the entire system.
- There must be one lead nursing educational administrator for the entire system.
- Each component entity shall have a designated RN educational leader.
- The same policies and procedures must be used throughout the system.
• The same systematic evaluation plan must exist throughout the entire system.

FOR SCHOOLS: There must be an integrated nursing education curriculum serving the entire system.