

Alberta Rehabilitation Coordinating Council (ARCC)

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner

Friday, September 24, 2010

Reception at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Norsemen Hotel — Camrose

**Do you know someone  
who has gone beyond  
expectations to provide  
exemplary service?**

**Nominate them for an ARCC Award.**

ARCC's Annual Awards Dinner is an inter-disciplinary event attended by members and friends of the rehabilitation fields – Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. It is an opportunity to honour professionals and support personnel who have provided exemplary service within their respective fields.

The Awards also serve to raise the profile of the rehabilitation fields. An award recognizing exemplary coverage of rehabilitation related news (the Excellence in Media Award) is among the award categories. The rehabilitation community is encouraged to nominate members of the media for local as well as wider coverage of news stories that emphasize the value of our services.

For nomination forms and dinner registration go to:  
[www.rehabmed.ualberta.ca/arcc](http://www.rehabmed.ualberta.ca/arcc)

Deadline for nominations June 30, 2010

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This year the ARCC Dinner Planning Committee is proud to announce that the Awards Dinner will be held in the rural community of Camrose, Alberta's Rose City.

Organized and supported by the University's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Alberta Rehabilitation Coordinating Council (ARCC), these awards aim to increase understanding and awareness of the significant contributions of rehabilitation professionals to the health and well-being of Albertans. **ARCC is an organization that enables networking, discussion and coordination among the rehabilitation colleges and professional associations, the University of Alberta education programs and the therapist assistant education programs.**

## Nomination Process

**A completed nomination form and three letters of support must be submitted with each nomination. The letters of support must be no more than 500 words and should provide the rationale for nominating this candidate in the given category, taking the award criteria into account.**

Nominations will be accepted for Audiologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists and Rehabilitation Support Personnel for the following awards:

- > Clinical Excellence (Therapist) Award – Urban (Edmonton & Calgary)
- > Clinical Excellence (Therapist) Award – Rural (outside of Edmonton & Calgary)
- > Clinical Excellence (Assistant) Award – Urban (Edmonton & Calgary)
- > Clinical Excellence (Assistant) Award – Rural (outside of Edmonton & Calgary)
- > Rehabilitation Student Supervisor Award – Urban
- > Rehabilitation Student Supervisor Award – Rural
- > Jim Vargo Leadership and Mentoring Award
- > Innovation in Rehabilitation Award (Practitioner)
- > Innovation in Rehabilitation Award (Student)
- > Sunrise (Therapist) Award
- > Sunrise (Assistant) Award
- > Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Centre Society (SCITCS) Award
- > Excellence in Media Award
- > Friends of Rehab Award

Nominations for the Excellence in Media Award will be accepted for all popular media sources, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

Nominations for the Friends of Rehab Award will be accepted for individuals or organizations within or outside the fields of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

**Nominations may be submitted from:**

- > Audiologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists and Rehabilitation Support Personnel;
- > Rehabilitation Students;
- > Members of the Media;
- > The Public.

The Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Centre Society (SCITCS) Award recipient is selected by SCITCS. All other award recipients are selected by a committee composed of one representative from each of the ARCC members.

All nominees are required to sign a release enabling the Alberta Rehabilitation Coordinating Council (AARC) to publish their photograph and provide information to the media pertaining to their nomination. The purpose for publicizing this information is to raise awareness and to profile the rehabilitation disciplines. Nominees will receive no financial reimbursement for use of this material.

The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2010.

Submit nominations to:

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Nomination forms are available for download at:

**[www.rehabmed.ualberta.ca/arcc](http://www.rehabmed.ualberta.ca/arcc)**

# 2010 | Award Categories

## URBAN Clinical Excellence Awards (Therapist) (Assistant)

The Clinical Excellence Awards are designed to acknowledge front-line workers in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology who have made outstanding contributions in front-line service delivery.

1. An award bestowed upon an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist
2. An award bestowed upon an assistant in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will demonstrate exemplary service to patients as a front-line practitioner in an urban setting.

## RURAL Clinical Excellence Awards (Therapist) (Assistant)

The Rural Clinical Excellence Awards acknowledge the unique features of rural practice, including the need to be a “master of all trades”. Rural rehabilitation personnel are often spread thin in terms of both geography and collegial support. Nonetheless, these front-line workers make outstanding contributions to front-line service delivery. The two sub-categories include:

1. An award bestowed upon an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist
2. An award bestowed upon an assistant in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will demonstrate exemplary service to patients as a front-line practitioner in a rural setting.

## URBAN Rehabilitation Student Supervisor Award

This award acknowledges and honours an individual working in rehabilitation who selflessly contributes his or her expertise and time to supporting the clinical education of students. This award is intended to recognize an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist who has made rehabilitation student supervision a continuing goal in their professional life.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will:

1. have served as a clinical supervisor for rehabilitation students over a period of years;
2. show a commitment to rehabilitation students’ clinical education;
3. serve as a positive role model to rehabilitation students; and
4. have taken students primarily in urban settings.

## RURAL Rehabilitation Student Supervisor Award

This award acknowledges an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist who provides students with opportunities to experience a rural setting. This individual may often be called upon to mentor students from multiple disciplines in multiple settings while dealing with patients/clients with multiple needs.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will:

1. have served as a clinical supervisor for students over a period of years;
2. show a commitment to rehabilitation students’ clinical education;
3. serve as a positive role model to rehabilitation students; and
4. have taken students primarily in rural settings.

## Jim Vargo Leadership and Mentoring Award

Named in honour of Alberta’s most recognized rehabilitation mentor, this award is intended for an individual in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology who, through their everyday work, drive and attitude, inspires people within and outside their profession. This is an individual who doesn’t seek to lead but leads because people want to follow their example. This person shows commitment and dedication to their profession, rehabilitation in general, and the staff who deliver the services.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will:

1. be viewed as a mentor or leader to those in rehabilitation practice; and
2. have increased the profile of rehabilitation at a micro (influence to one) or macro (group or system) level [The nominator must specify what changes the individual has brought about for their profession].

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## Innovation in Rehabilitation Awards (Practitioner) (Student)

These awards recognize unusual, original, or pioneering rehabilitation work in a clinical, research, or administration context within Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology.

**Practitioner:** Nominees in the practitioner category may have developed or introduced a new clinical procedure, treatment or outcome measure; produced advancement in practice; contributed to basic or clinical research; or developed an administrative structure, approach or improvement that has benefited practitioners in the rehabilitation professions and their patients/clients.

**Student:** Nominees in the student category may have designed an innovative project within their academic

### Criteria (Practitioner):

The ideal candidate will have carried out:

1. innovative clinical work that has had a demonstrated impact on rehabilitation practice. OR
2. innovative research that has had a demonstrated impact on rehabilitation practice. OR
3. innovative administrative work that has had a demonstrated impact on rehabilitation practice.

### Criteria (Student):

The ideal candidate will have

1. produced innovative academic work with the potential to affect rehabilitation practice. OR
2. developed an innovative practice within a clinical setting with the potential to affect rehabilitation practice.

## Excellence in Media Award

The Excellence in Media Award is presented to an individual or organization whose media production has made a noticeable contribution towards disseminating information on the importance of the rehabilitation professions (Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy) in an individual's recovery, acceptance of or adaptation to an injury or disease. Examples of this would be the accurate portrayal of a child or adult undergoing therapy for physical, emotional, cognitive and/or communication problems. ARCC encourages submissions from all popular media, including newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will have produced work:

1. in which the content/substance of the story demonstrates the value of rehabilitation interventions, and
2. that provides a realistic portrayal of recovery or adaptation and
3. which entertains as well as educates

Five copies of the article, audiotape or videotape along with the publication or program date must be submitted with the entry form.

## Friends of Rehab Award

The Alberta Rehabilitation Coordinating Council wishes to ensure that those who must deal with significant disability have access to appropriate rehabilitation services to support optimal recovery or management.

The Friends of Rehab Award exists to acknowledge those who work to improve delivery of rehabilitation services at the provincial or local level. It honours individuals or organizations who have exercised creative and effective leadership on behalf of rehabilitation programs and individuals to expand services, develop partnerships and/or implement new programs. The leadership may be formal or informal. The individual or organization recognized does not have to be employed within the current health system nor does this person have to be an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech-Language Pathologist, Audiologist or support worker in one of these disciplines.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will have developed programs/services that:

1. increase service delivery to a defined population and/or increase service delivery within a defined geographic area, and
2. makes an identified difference

## Sunrise Awards (Therapist) (Assistant)

The Sunrise Awards recognize two individuals in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology who have made significant contributions to rehabilitation within the first five years after graduation. In essence, these individuals are committed and passionate about what they do and have excelled in making a difference to their clients. These individuals are current or future icons in their field.

The two sub-categories include:

1. An award bestowed upon an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist
2. An award bestowed upon an assistant in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and / or Speech-Language Pathology

### Criteria

The ideal candidate has performed at a level above and beyond that expected of a novice therapist or assistant. (The nominator may include vignettes if appropriate and if clients have given permission)

## Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Centre Society (SCITCS) Award

This award recognizes and acknowledges an Occupational or Physical Therapist who has made a significant contribution through research, clinical practice, rehabilitation, or service to enhance the quality of life for clients with a Spinal Cord Injury.

### Criteria

The ideal candidate will:

1. have initiated or participated in a research project involving Spinal Cord Injured clients **OR**
2. have developed a new clinical procedure or treatment aiding Spinal Cord Injured clients **OR**
3. have provided outstanding service to Spinal Cord Injured clients through support as a front line worker, mentor, educator or advocate.