

ACDIS CDI Professional of the Year award

Summary

The ACDIS *CDI Professional of the Year* award is designed to recognize an individual who stands out as a consummate representative of the best attributes of a CDI professional. The *CDI Professional of the Year* serves as a role model and mentor to peers, demonstrates leadership in activities that contribute to the enhancement of the CDI profession, has affected visible change or improvement due to his or her initiatives, and has taken meaningful steps to achieve continuous professional development in CDI. This person has made a difference in his or her facility and on the broader CDI community/profession.

Criteria

1. Has served at least five years as a CDI professional at the time of his or her nomination
2. Demonstrates passion for the CDI profession
3. Demonstrates adherence to the ACDIS *Code of Ethics*
4. Is an active member of national ACDIS
5. Has achieved CCDS certification
6. Contributes to the broader CDI profession, for example as a local chapter leader, mentor, etc.
7. Serves as a role model
8. Is an educator and mentor of peers
9. Pursues Continuing Education in the field of CDI
10. Promotes the profession with peers and in the broader healthcare industry
11. Demonstrates innovation and creativity in a project or program that was challenging and/or difficult in nature
12. Demonstrates outstanding leadership/management skills
13. Exhibits proactive behaviors in furthering the industry
14. Goes "above and beyond" to make a difference

Nomination considerations

The following questions are designed to assist the panel to understand whether a nominee deserves the *CDI Professional of the Year* award.

- What makes this nominee stand out from their peers?
- How has the nominee encouraged others to progress?
- What has the nominee done to promote or improve standards in their field?
- Has the nominee participated in a leadership capacity in an ACDIS local chapter, published any CDI related articles, or participated in any events furthering recognition of the CDI profession?
- What challenges has your nominee faced? How have they overcome them?
- Is the nominee involved with any related professional associations? If so, in what capacity?
- How does the nominee foster teamwork and good staff relations?
- How does the nominee go "above and beyond" to make a difference?
- How does the nominee support other professionals and implement the team concept in meeting goals?
- Is the nominee's CDI program innovative and/or does the nominee participate in innovative cross departmental CDI initiatives/programs? Please elaborate.