

## Benefits of Fellowship

Fellow status is an honor conferred by the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) on individuals who have been nominated and accepted for this recognition. Fellow status is the most distinguished level of membership in the organization and serves as a public hallmark of professional esteem. This recognition is intended to acknowledge nurses who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in rehabilitation nursing and have made sustained, distinguished contributions, service, and commitment to the field. Contributions include participation and leadership within the association, as well as external consultation, research, education, practice, administration, advocacy, and/or public service. The ARN Board of Directors confers recognition as a Fellow upon the recommendation of the ARN Fellows Selection Committee, according to the criteria outlined below. Fellows are granted the privilege of using the credential FARN (Fellow of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses).

The benefits associated with achieving Fellow status are numerous and offer both professional and personal rewards. These benefits include:

- Entitlement to use the letters "FARN" as a professional credential.
- Peer and public recognition as a rehabilitation nursing expert through opportunities to contribute more substantially to ARN.
- Opportunities to participate in ARN projects and work groups to help shape the future direction of rehabilitation nursing.
- Representation of ARN on a national and global level with other nursing organizations through work groups, panels, or other collaborative initiatives.
- Recognition as an expert in a specific area of rehabilitation nursing.
- Membership in a network of respected, distinguished clinicians who share their expertise and experience.
- Access to a network of like-minded colleagues to raise collective concerns about the rehabilitation nursing specialty.
- Recognition as a Fellow on the ARN website and in ARN publications, as well as access to the FARN directory.
- Potential for enhanced professional credibility in consulting and legal testimony.
- A personal sense of achievement.
- Advantage in the job market.
- Special badge recognition at ARN programs.
- Privilege of upholding a time-honored tradition of peer recognition as an expert.
- FARN pin and certificate.