

Life Time Achievement Award



Terrance Gorrell is awarded the Life time achievement award in recognition of his contributions as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse.

Terry began his mental health career as a psychiatric aid before he graduated from Alberta Hospital Ponoka in 1984. He has been the Patient Care Manager of Rundle House at the Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury for the past 10 years.

Terry is an extremely strong leader in communicating management policies to staff, while ensuring his staff are cared for and their needs and concerns are brought to the forefront. His principals are never compromised, as he constantly strives for patient safety, and the best in mental health care for every client. He frequently has made adjustments to ensure that staff are able to work in a welcoming and safe environment.

Terry has always welcomed students and ensures an atmosphere conducive to learning. His strength has been in molding new nurses into strong, confident peers. Terry is confident in his skills and his leadership abilities and this translates to those around him in creating a strong unit conducive to caring for those with mental health problems.

Terry does not always need words to communicate with staff, with one searing look over his glasses, his charges, peers, and his manager know when they have not met his high and uncompromising standards. His ability to see the big picture on any subject is much appreciated by all; floor staff, physicians and other managers as they stop by on a regular basis to debate and hear a fresh, non sugar coated perspective.

Terry exemplifies the character traits essential for a leader of his caliber.