HILDEGARD PEPLAU AWARD

The Hildegard Peplau Award was established in 1990 to honor a nurse who has made significant contributions to nursing practice over a lifetime through scholarly activities, clinical practice, and policy development, specifically directed towards the psychosocial and psychiatric aspects of nursing care delivery.

The Subcommittee on the Hildegard Peplau Award reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and approval by the ANA Board of Directors.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee must be a current C/SNA/ANA or IMD member.

2. The nominee, through research and/or theory development, advances knowledge of biopsychosocial concepts of human behavior, and into best practice nursing care.

3. The nominee either directly through practice or through leadership/influence on practice provides and develops innovating nursing practices which improve a patient’s quality of life and are measured by clear outcome markers.

4. The nominee, through leadership at the state and/or national level, impacts on the delivery of care for vulnerable populations in need of psychiatric nursing services.

HILDEGARD PEPLAU

Hildegard Peplau, EdD, RN, FAAN, was a major force within the profession and discipline of nursing for over three decades. She made significant contributions as a leader within the professional organization serving as both the president and executive director of ANA, and within the discipline as a developer of theory and innovator in developing the role of the psychiatric nurse. She helped to pioneer the development of the Clinical Specialist in Psychiatric Nursing and served as mentor to countless members of psychiatric nurses across the country.

Dr. Peplau, who died in March 1999, will be greatly missed as an exceptionally clear thinker who changed the field of nursing and the sub-specialty of psychiatric nursing dramatically over the course of her career. Even in her retirement, she was called upon to be a source of knowledge and expertise. She made
significant contributions to the development of ANA’s *Social Policy Statement* and set the stage early in her career for the development of standards of psychiatric nursing. In addition, she went to the "front lines" of psychiatric nursing practice in presenting countless continuing education workshops in state hospitals across the country, touching the lives of nurses and patients in those facilities. She provided the impetus for the integration of psychosocial concepts into the practice of all nursing, thereby enriching the care of all patients.