# American Association of Colleges of Nursing

## **Guidelines for Abstract Submission**

Please read through the following instructions carefully before submitting an abstract. If you have further questions, contact conferences@aacnnursing.org.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Completed work or projects may be submitted for a poster or a podium presentation. Projects in progress may be submitted as poster presentations only.
- Abstracts may highlight original research, quality improvement projects, evidence-based practice, or programmatic innovations. Formatting of the abstract should be consistent with the type of project being presented.
- Abstracts may have been presented elsewhere or published within the past 12 months but shall be updated to relate specifically to this conference.
- Presenters are asked to identify any potential conflict of interest related to the content to be
  offered (e.g., commercial interest, affiliation with a vendor, and/or receipt of royalties) and
  affirm that their abstract presentations will not be used to sell a particular product or
  service. AACN exerts the right to rescind the acceptance of an abstract due to any conflict
  of interest discovered after the fact.
- Sub-committee members are not eligible to submit to their respective conference.
- Primary authors on all accepted abstracts must register for the conference and present the abstract. Co-authors cannot present in place of the primary author. Any co-authors wishing to present with their primary author are required to register for the conference as well.
- Presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including the conference registration fee, travel, accommodations, and other expenses.

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All abstracts must be submitted electronically through AACN's submission website by creating an account to upload an abstract.
- Only a complete submission is eligible for review; ensure that a completed abstract is
  evident in your submission. We recommend checking spelling, word count, and compliance
  with submission guidelines prior to entering the abstract onto the submission site.

#### Single Author Submission Instructions:

- List single author as primary author.
- The primary author is allowed a maximum of two (2) abstract submissions per conference. If more than two abstracts are submitted per author, only the first two submissions will be reviewed and eligible for acceptance.
- The primary author must submit the abstract.
- The primary author is the corresponding author and is the point of contact for all communication with AACN.
- The primary author must indicate their preferred type of presentation format (Podium Presentation or Poster Presentation).
- Abstract submissions that are incomplete after the submission deadline will not be eligible for presentation nor will they be considered for review.
- Submissions shall not exceed 300 words overall and must include Background/Introduction, Purpose, Methods, Results, Limitations, Conclusions/Implications for Practice.
- Submissions should reflect conference title or abstract themes. Include summary recommendations for others who may be considering a similar approach.

#### **Team of Authors Submission Instructions:**

- List the primary author first.
- The primary author is allowed a maximum of two (2) abstract submissions per conference. If more than two abstracts are submitted per author, only the first two submissions will be reviewed and eligible for acceptance.
- The primary author must submit the abstract.
- The primary author is the corresponding author and is the point of contact for all communication with AACN.
- The primary author must indicate the teams preferred type of presentation format (Podium Presentation or Poster Presentation).
- Abstract submissions that are incomplete after the submission deadline will not be eligible for presentation nor will they be considered for review.
- Submissions shall not exceed 300 words overall and must include Background/Introduction, Purpose, Methods, Results, Limitations, Conclusions/Implications for Practice.
- Submissions should reflect conference title or abstract themes. Include summary recommendations for others who may be considering a similar approach.
- Podium and Poster Presentations will be offered in-person at the conference venue.

#### **Podium Presentation**

 Podium presentations will be in the form of 15-minute presentation with a scheduled time for live questions and answers. Presentations will be audio-recorded on-site and made available for on-demand after the event. Presenters are provided with a laptop computer and LCD projector.

### **Poster Presentation**

Poster presentations are presented on double-sided poster boards holding one (1) poster per board. All posters should be oriented in landscape format and must not exceed 48" W x 36" H. In addition, posters will be featured in the Virtual Poster Showcase on the virtual conference platform with the option to provide a pre- recorded 2-minute video presentation.

### **Acceptance Notification**

- A confirmation email will automatically be sent to the email provided for the primary author once the abstract has been fully submitted (approx. 4-5 weeks after the submission deadline date).
- If accepted, presenters will need to upload presentation materials through the Abstract Submission Site. Detailed instructions will be provided.

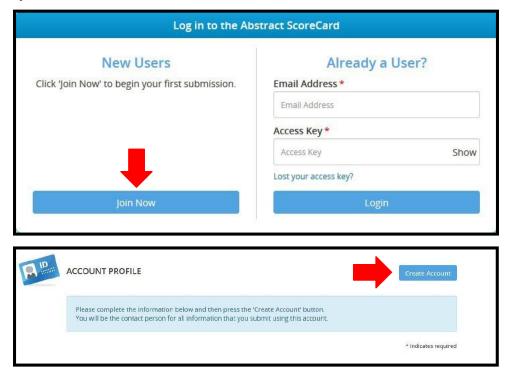
### REVIEW PROCESS

- Each abstract is peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers.
- Reviews are blind; hence, reviewers do not see names of submitters or school affiliations.
- To increase the probability of an abstract being selected, please read the scoring rubric the reviewers follow.

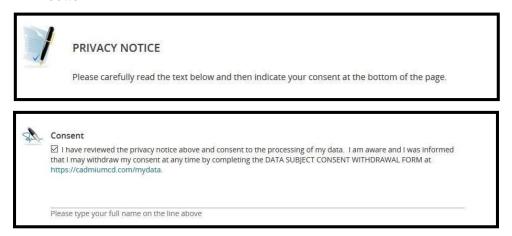
## STEP-BY-STEP SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1**: Login to the Abstract Submission Site (Abstract ScoreCard): Select "Join Now" if you are accessing the submission site for the first time.

Note: You will need to create a new account for each AACN Conference you submit an abstract for. You may re-use the same email.



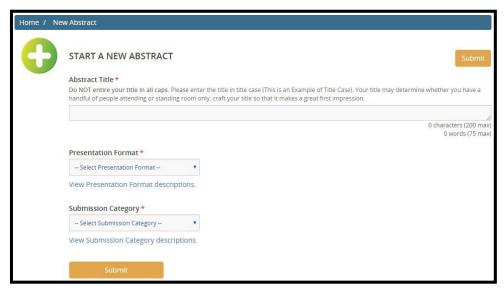
**Step 2**: Read the Privacy Notice and fill out the "Consent" field including your name. Click the blue "Continue" button.



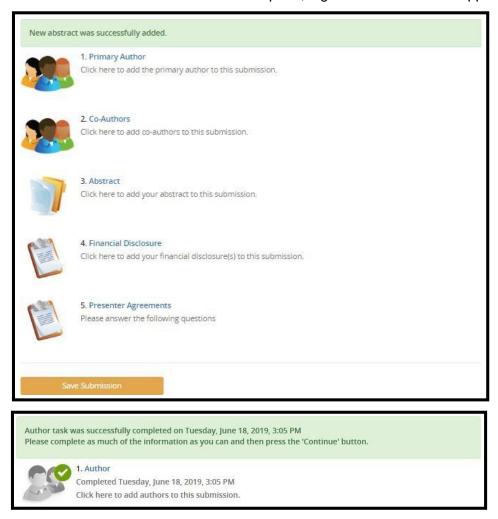
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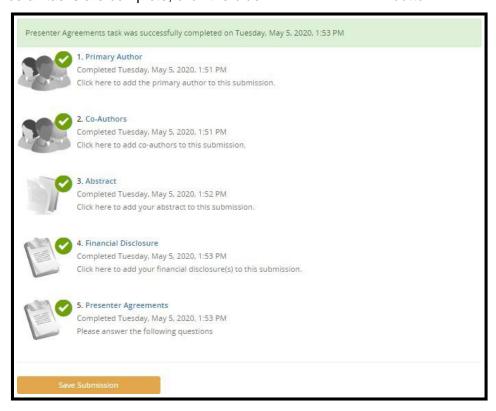
**Step 4**: Start your abstract submission: Enter your Abstract Title and select your preferred Presentation Format (for conferences accepting both podium and posters) and Submission Category. Click Submit.



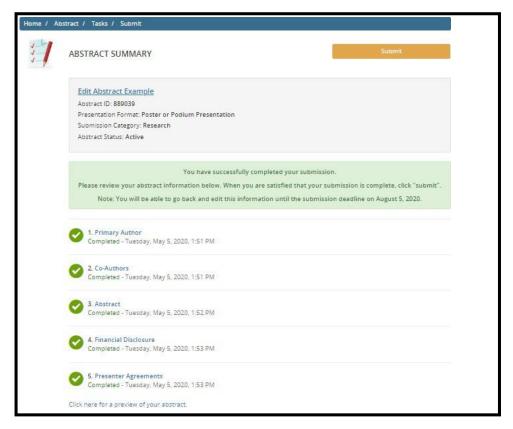
**Step 5**: Task List: Click on each task (1 through 4) to continue with your submission. Please ensure that all fields are filled in. Once a task is complete, a green checkmark will appear.



Step 6: Once all tasks are complete, click the blue "Save Submission" button.



**Step 7:** Review your abstract prior to submission (Abstract Summary). If you are satisfied with your abstract, click the blue "Submit" button – only that will guarantee that your abstract has been submitted for review.



**Step 8**: You will receive a message indicating that your abstract was successfully completed. You will also receive a confirmation email – check your spam folder as well. You will still be able to go back and edit your abstract until the submission deadline.

Note: If you need to make changes to your submission, you will need to go through steps 6 and 7 again to ensure that the updates to your final submission are made.

