

## Call for Abstracts

2018 Baccalaureate Education Conference

*Navigating Through a Sea of Change:  
Educating Nurses to Take the Helm*

November 15-17, 2018

Hilton New Orleans Riverside ♦ New Orleans, LA

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) invites abstracts describing programs, courses, initiatives, or evaluation strategies that characterize the theme, addressing the many changes and challenges in baccalaureate and other professional entry-level programs. Of particular interest are abstracts that reflect innovation and highlight:

- Clinical Instruction and Evaluation Methods/Doing Clinical Differently
- Bullying/Incivility (Student/Faculty/Administrators)
- Procedures/Outcomes of Successful Disruptive Innovation in Nursing Education
- Online Resources: Simulation, Virtual Patients, and Telehealth
- Early Intervention and Academic Success Strategies for Accelerated Nursing Students
- Strategies for Holistic Admissions

Detailed information about the 2018 conference program will be available in August.

### PRESENTATION FORMATS

#### Podium Presentation

Podium presentations are allotted a 25 minute time slot: 20 minutes to present and 5 minutes for questions and answers. Presenters are provided with a laptop computer and LCD projector.

#### Poster Presentation

Poster presentations are presented on double-sided poster boards holding two (2) posters per side. Please see acceptance notification for poster dimensions.

New this year, all accepted posters will be entered into a competition for *Excellence in Scholarship*. A First-Place as well as an Honorable Mention will be awarded to recognize this excellence. Members of the planning committee will serve as judges using a standard rubric and both winners will be designated in the reception with ribbons. A certificate of achievement will be awarded as well as a copy of a best-selling leadership book. Please see acceptance notification for further details.



## PREPARING YOUR ABSTRACT FOR SUBMISSION

### Abstract Content

- The abstract should include background, methods, and other pertinent headings. Should reflect conference theme or abstract themes. Include summary recommendations for others who may be considering a similar approach.
- 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 two years. If this is the case, please update the material and make it specific to this conference.
- Presenters are asked to classify their submissions as applicable to the following categories: "Curriculum", "Culture", "Innovations", "Teaching/Learning", "Student Support", or "Diversity".

### Presentation Format

- Submitters are asked to indicate their preferred type of presentation format (Podium Presentation, Poster Presentation, Either). However, reviewers may suggest a different format to that selected by abstract submitters. *Please consider indicating "either" as your preference to increase your chance of presenting your abstract at this conference.*
- **Only abstracts that showcase completed work will be considered for a podium presentation. Projects in progress will be considered for a poster presentation. Please make it evident in your abstract if the project is completed.**

### Submission Requirements

- Submitters are allowed a maximum of two (2) abstract submissions per 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 this conference.

[View Podium Presentation Suggestions >>](#)

[View Poster Recommendations >>](#)

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

- All abstracts must be submitted electronically through AACN's submission website.
- Submitters must create an account to upload their abstract. *AACN is using a new system this year so creation of a new account is required.*
- Submission sections include:
  1. Title
  2. 250-word description
  3. 1 learner outcome (e.g., "Identify strategies for...")
  4. Primary author contact information for conference attendees.
- Abstracts are formatted automatically and have a 250-word limit.
- Submitters may access the site as often as they like to modify the document until the final submission deadline, **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**. Submitters have control over when the abstract is finally submitted.

To submit your abstract visit:

<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/46acdb2c-a205-48aa-8b58-c93c96c625ae>

### DUE DATE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 5

- Abstracts are due on or before **11:59 p.m. EST on Wednesday, September 5, 2018**.
- Upon final submission, the submitter will receive an email message confirming receipt of the abstract. *If an email confirmation is not received, the abstract was not entered into the system and the submitter will need to go back submit fully.*

## REVIEW PROCESS

Each abstract is peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers and the process is 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.

## ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

- Authors will be notified about the status of their submission(s) via email no later than **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**. This is sufficient time to meet the conference registration deadlines and the October 23<sup>rd</sup> hotel cutoff date.
- If you are accepted as an abstract (podium) presenter, you will need to submit your PowerPoint presentation through the submission website by **Monday, October 22, 2018**. Additional instructions on how to submit will follow if you are accepted.

**NOTE: First authors on all accepted abstracts must register for the conference and present the abstract. Any co-authors are required to register for the conference if they will be presenting as well. Co-authors cannot present in place of the primary author. Presenters are responsible for their own expenses, including the conference registration fee. All registered attendees are provided conference materials that will include a copy of the original abstract submission.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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