Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission deadline: February 29, 2016

University of Toledo College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Research Conference on Monday, April 25, 2016, Changing Practice through Nursing Research. The conference goal fits the college mission to stimulate research and evidence-based practice and disseminate knowledge about the discipline of nursing, with a focus on translational research and evidence-based projects. We welcome Mercy College and Owens Community College as partners for the planning and reviewing of abstracts.

General Registrants: This conference will be an excellent learning experience for nurses and students at all levels of practice, research, and education.

Location: The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

Submission for Oral or Poster Presentations - electronic submissions only
Submit abstracts to: diane.foley@utoledo.edu
Include in the subjective line: “Abstract for Research Day 2016 attached”

Topics: All aspects of the profession of nursing will be considered.

Only COMPLETE submissions that include the two required forms and consistent with guidelines will be reviewed. Include the following 2 forms:

1. Cover page and Abstract on separate pages – NO NAMES on abstract
2. Conflict of Interest Form for each author, which also includes the CE information.

Guidelines for Research AND Evidence-based Project (EBP) Abstract Submission

1. Oral presentations are reserved for completed research or completed evidence-based projects only. Research or EBPs in progress are limited to poster presentations. A presenter eligible for an oral presentation may choose to present a poster instead. Choose the presentation type you prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

2. Oral presenters will be scheduled during the morning or afternoon sessions. Oral presenters are expected to use PowerPoint. A computer and projector for PowerPoint, plus a microphone will be provided.

3. Posters will be available for viewing for a one-hour dedicated poster presentation session. Poster presenters are expected to be present with their posters to discuss their work during the viewing period.

4. An individual may submit more than one abstract. However, space and time constraints may limit each author/organization to one selected presentation.
5. There is a later deadline for submission of abstracts for students from the University of Toledo, Mercy College, and Owens Community College for their research or evidence-based projects that are not ready for the February submission. Student submissions are welcome and must follow the same criteria as specified in this Call. Oral presentations will be grouped with other students’ work; as will posters. The deadline for these student abstracts is **March 19, 2016**. CE cannot be offered for these presentations.

6. **Students’ abstracts must be signed by the Capstone/Project Faculty Advisor.**

7. All communication will be sent to the **first** author/organizer. A valid email address is required for all submitters. The first author takes responsibility for informing other contributors of all communications from UT regarding the presentation.

8. An email will be sent to confirm receipt of the abstract.

9. **Cover Page**
   - Place title of abstract in CAPITAL LETTERS
   - Author(s): Please list full names and titles (i.e., RN, PhD, etc.) of all authors, including the presenting author. List the presenting author **first** in the order of authors.
   - Affiliation of author(s): Department, institution, city, state (if relevant). Please do not use abbreviations for the words Department, University, etc.
   - Indicate if submission is for: (mark all that apply)
     a) ___ Oral Presentation (Completed research or project)
     b) ___ Poster Presentation (Research or Project in Progress; data not collected)
     c) ___ Graduate student or ___ Undergraduate student (no registration charge)
     d) ___ RN (not currently enrolled in a nursing program pays general registration fee)

10. **Abstract - Use short titles and standard abbreviations**

    **Format for abstract**
    - The text of the abstract must be single-spaced and in upper and lowercase letters.
    - Avoid reference to authors, institution names, locations, or funding sources in the abstract.
    - The text of the abstract may not exceed 350 words. The College of Nursing will NOT edit abstracts for typing, spelling, or grammatical errors.
    - Use Times Roman, 12-point font throughout the submission.
    - No italics, Greek letters, or other special fonts are permitted.
    - Submit all materials in a document compatible with Microsoft Word.
    - Please carefully check all text for errors. The quality of your submission may strongly affect the outcome of the reviewer’s scoring of your Abstract.
• **Criteria for Review** of all submissions are published below.

**Headings** for .ABSTRACTS must include these sections and headings.

- **TITLE** in capital letters
- **Background** of the problem or context: of the research (importance).
- **Purpose and Theoretical Rationale**: of the research problem or question
- **Method**: be sure to include design, sample size, data collection and analysis.
- **Results**: concisely describe findings (e.g. statistical findings, themes, patterns, etc.).
- **Conclusions**: summarize important findings and describe next steps for research and/or practice.

**EVIDENCE-BASED PROJECT (EBP) ABSTRACTS** must include these sections and headings.

- **TITLE** in capital letters
- **Background of the Problem and Purpose**: of EBP project (importance).
- **Strength of Evidence**: discuss the research literature that supports this project.
- **Proposed Practice Change**: concisely explain the proposed changes to practice.
- **Implementation Strategies**: describe how the changes were made. Note that the implementation should have already taken place as part of the EBP.
- **Stakeholders/Evaluation**: who were the interested parties and how was this project judged/evaluated?

**Definition of Presentation Types**

**Paper Presentations**

A paper presentation is an oral presentation reserved for completed research or EBPs. **The first author gives the presentation.** Each paper presentation will be a maximum of 20 minutes in length, plus a brief question and answer period of approximately 10 minutes. Please note that incomplete research, including data awaiting final results or evidence-based projects will **not** be considered for paper presentations.

**Poster Presentations**

Reports of completed research or EBP projects or research or EBP projects in progress may be presented as a poster. **Posters should be no bigger than 4’ x 4’**. Poster boards (4’ x 4’) will be provided to clip posters to.

**Research Abstracts** must include the sections listed above, as applicable. For research in progress, the anticipated method of analysis should be included.
Evidence-based Project Abstracts must include the sections listed above. For projects in progress, the anticipated method of evaluation should be included.

Criteria for Review of Research Abstract

#1 – FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS

These criteria and ratings will be used to score research abstracts:

5 = Exceptional, 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Not acceptable

Criterion 2  Background, problem statement & theoretical rationale fitting
Criterion 3  Methods and design are appropriate
Criterion 4  Analyses are relevant to the stated problem
Criterion 5  Interpretation of findings is based on data
Overall Merit  Overall scientific merit of this research for nursing

Criteria for Review of Evidence-Based Practice Abstracts

#1 – FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS

These criteria and ratings will be used to score EBP abstracts:

5 = Exceptional, 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Not acceptable

Criterion 2  Background and purpose are clearly stated
Criterion 3  Strength of evidence for practice change reflected in abstract
Criterion 4  Proposed change in practice is described
Criterion 5  How change was carried out and criteria for evaluating change are outlined, plus how stakeholders were identified
Overall Merit  Overall merit of this project for nursing

Acceptance Notification:

- The submitting author listed first will be notified by e-mail faculty by March 15 & students by March 25, 2016.

- Authors whose abstracts are accepted for presentation must register for the conference for the morning or afternoon sessions or the entire day. Presenters will be responsible for all their expenses, including conference registration, lunch, travel, and lodging.

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