



Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission deadline: December 5, 2011

University of Toledo College of Nursing

Keynote Speaker: Bernadette Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer and Dean, OSU College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is pleased to announce its **6th Annual Research Conference on Monday, April 23, 2012**, with the theme, ***Changing Practice through Nursing Research***. The goal of the conference is to stimulate research and disseminate knowledge about the discipline of nursing, with a focus on translational research and evidence-based projects.

General Registrants: This conference will be an excellent learning experience for nurses at all levels of practice, nurse researchers, nursing students, and faculty.

Location: Main Campus of the University of Toledo, Toledo, OH.

Submission of Abstracts for Oral or Poster Presentations

NOTE: ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Submit abstracts to: tera.sarvo@utoledo.edu

Include in the subject line: "Abstract for Research Day 2012 attached."

Only COMPLETE submissions will be reviewed. Include 3 forms: 1) Cover page and Abstract on separate pages – no names on abstract, 2) **Biographical Data Form** for each author, and the 3) **Provider Faculty Directed Application**. Include one-1 learner objective on the Provider Faculty Directed Application form in 25 words or fewer - measurable outcome that begins, "The learner will be able to . . ." These forms may be found on the College of Nursing website or obtained from Tera Sarvo, tera.sarvo@utoledo.edu

Topics: All aspects of *nursing* will be considered.

Guidelines for Research AND Evidence-based Project Abstract Submission

1. **Only completed research or a completed evidence-based project** is eligible for oral presentation. **Research or an evidence-based project *in progress*** is limited to poster presentations only. 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 from early morning with presentations during a one-hour morning break. Poster presenters are expected to set up the poster in the morning and be available for discussing 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. Student submissions are welcome. Oral presentations will be grouped with other students' work.

6. All communication will be sent to the **first author**/organizer. A valid email address is required for all submitters.
7. The confirmation email will be sent to confirm receipt of the abstract.
8. Only *complete* submissions will be reviewed. (See above for what constitutes a complete submission.)
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*)
 - c) ___ Graduate student or d) ___ Undergraduate student, e) ___ RN (*not* nursing student)
10. **Abstract** - Use short titles and standard abbreviations. The title should be specific to the content and typed in all CAPITAL LETTERS. Underline headings.
 - 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 300 words including acknowledgements. The College of Nursing will **NOT** edit abstracts for typing, spelling, or grammatical errors.

Use these Headings

 - **Background** or **Context** (importance),
 - **Purpose** of the research (problem or question) *or* evidence-based project.
 - **Methods**, include:
 - Research: sample size, design, data collection and analysis.
 - Evidence-based project: sample, implementation strategies, evaluation measures, and analysis.
 - **Results**: Concisely describe findings (e.g. statistical findings, themes, patterns, etc.) *or* potential to add new knowledge or solve critical practice problems.
 - **Conclusions/Implications**: Summarize important findings and describe next steps for research and/or practice.

11. Use Times Roman, 12-point font throughout the submission.
12. No italics, Greek letters, or other special fonts are permitted.
13. Submit all materials in a document compatible with Microsoft Word.
14. Please carefully check all text for errors, because the quality of your submission may strongly affect the outcome of the reviewer's scoring of your Abstract.
15. **Criteria for Review** of all submissions are published below.

Definition of Presentation Types

Paper Presentations

A paper presentation is an oral presentation reserved for completed research or evidence-based projects. **Only the first author may make the presentation.** Each paper presentation will be a maximum of 20 minutes in length and will be followed by 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.

Research Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, purpose and theoretical rationale, subjects, method, results, and conclusions.

Evidence-based Project Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, purpose, strength of evidence, proposed practice change, implementation strategies, and stakeholders/evaluation.

Poster Presentations. Reports of completed research or research in progress may be presented as a poster.

Research Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, purpose and theoretical rationale, subjects, method, results and conclusions, as applicable. For research in progress, the anticipated method of analysis should be included.

Evidence-based Project Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, purpose, strength of evidence, proposed practice change, implementation strategies, and stakeholders/evaluation. For projects in progress, the anticipated method of evaluation should be included.

Freestanding poster boards will be provided for the posters.

Criteria for Review of Research Abstract

These criteria and ratings will be used to score research abstracts for each criterion:
5 = Exceptional, 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Not acceptable

Criterion 1	Problem statement and theoretical rationale are clearly described.
Criterion 2	Methods and design are appropriate.
Criterion 3	Analyses are relevant to the stated problem.
Criterion 4	Interpretation of findings is based on data.
Overall Merit	Overall scientific merit of this research.

Criteria for Review of Evidence-Based Project Abstract

These criteria and ratings will be used to score abstracts for evidence-based projects
5 = Exceptional, 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Not acceptable

Criterion 1	Purpose is clearly stated.
Criterion 2	Strength of the evidence guiding the practice change is reflected in the abstract.
Criterion 3	Proposed change in practice is discussed.
Criterion 4	Strategies to be used for implementation are outlined and stakeholders are identified.
Criterion 5	Methods for evaluation of change are discussed.
Overall Merit	Overall merit of this project.

Acceptance Notification:

- The submitting author listed *first* will be notified by e-mail by **January 1st, 2012** of the College Committee's decision.
- 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, travel, and lodging.

Cost Estimates:

- \$50.00 for day with box lunch, or \$25.00 for half-day (lunch additional \$15)
- Nursing students from Northwest Ohio (undergraduate and graduate) must register, but there is no registration charge (does not include lunch).
- Those registering at the door will not be able to purchase a lunch, unless there are cancellations.