The College of Nursing is pleased to announce its 7th Annual Research Conference on Monday, April 22, 2013, Changing Practice through Nursing Research. The conference goal fits the college mission to stimulate evidence-based practice and 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:** The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

**Submission for Oral or Poster Presentations**

NOTE: ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Submit abstracts to: tera.otto@utoledo.edu

Include in the subjective line: “Abstract for Research Day 2013 attached”

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

Only COMPLETE submissions that include all required forms and follow these guidelines will be reviewed.

Include 2 forms:

1. Cover page and Abstract on separate pages – no names on abstract

2. **Biographical Data Form** for each author, which also includes the CE information. Include one-1 learner objective on the 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 Otto, tera.otto@utoledo.edu

**Guidelines for Research AND Evidence-based Project Abstract Submission**

1. Oral presentations are reserved for completed research or completed evidence-based projects only. Research or an evidence-based project in progress is limited to poster presentations only. 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 from early morning with a scheduled, one-hour poster presentation session. 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. There is a later deadline for submission of abstracts for University of Toledo students for their research or projects for work are not ready for the December 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. The deadline for these abstracts is March 15, 2013.

   Students’ abstracts must be signed by the Capstone or Project Faculty Advisor.

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. 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 ___ Undergraduate student, OR
     d) ___ RN (not currently enrolled in a nursing program – pays general registration fee)

9. 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 abstract (Underline headings):**

**RESEARCH ABSTRACTS** must include these sections and headings.
• **TITLE** in capital letters
• **Background or Context:** (importance)
• **Purpose and Theoretical Rationale:** of the research (problem or question)
• **Method:** *Include* sample size, design, data collection 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:** 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
• **Purpose:** of EBP
• **Strength of Evidence:**
• **Proposed Practice Change:**
• **Implementation Strategies:**
• **Stakeholders/Evaluation:**

**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.

**Poster Presentations.** Reports of completed research or research 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**

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

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

**Criterion 1**  Background, problem statement and theoretical rationale are appropriate

**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 for nursing

**Criteria for Review of Evidence-Based Practice Abstracts**

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

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

**Criterion 1**  Purpose is clearly stated

**Criterion 2**  Strength of evidence guiding 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; method for evaluation of the change is discussed

**Overall Merit**  Overall merit of this project for nursing

**Acceptance Notification:**

- The submitting author listed *first* will be notified by e-mail by January 31\(^{th}\), 2013 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, lunch, travel, and lodging.

**Cost Estimates:**

- $50 for day, or $25 for half-day.

- Nursing students from Northwest Ohio (both undergraduate and graduate) must register, but there is no registration charge (lunch not included).

- Information about nearby locations for lunches will be provided.