

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Deadline January 14, 2008

Innovations in Nursing Excellence

Sigma Theta Tau Beta Phi Research Day

University of Alabama in Huntsville

College of Nursing

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Research Day Objective:

Apply and share nursing knowledge and leadership skills to accelerate evidence-based nursing practice within the areas of clinical nursing, nursing education and nursing administration.

Showcase your innovative professional accomplishments with colleagues at the Sigma Theta Tau Beta Phi Research Day. Clinical Sessions are designed to provide an opportunity to present original symposia, oral presentations or poster displays.

Abstracts for symposia, oral presentations or poster presentations are invited for the following suggested topics.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Advanced Practice Initiatives
- Complimentary Care
- End of Life Initiatives
- Evidence-Based Practice Applications
- Clinical Models/Innovations
 - Administrative
 - Leadership
 - Education
 - Practice
- Diversity
- Health Promotion/Disease Management
- Outcomes of Care
- Technology Innovations
 - Clinical
 - Educational
 - Administrative (Technology)
 - Informatics
- Vulnerable Populations
- Workforce Enhancement Projects

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:

- Significance to nursing practice, education, administration and/or policy making
- Clarity of description
- Creativity of presentation format
- Scholarly merit
- Cohesive symposium plan (symposia only)

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General Submission Guidelines

- **All** abstracts must be submitted via email as a Word attachment to **andersof@uah.edu**
- Abstracts must be in English.
- Abstract text should be original and in compliance with all copyright laws (i.e., not submitted for future publication/presentation and not previously published/presented). Abstract can discuss work that was used in a prior presentation/publication or submitted for future publication/presentation. However, the abstract text and focus must be different.
- An individual may submit more than one abstract. However, space and time constraints may allow only one selected presentation per author/organizer.
- All communication will be sent to the first author/organizer. A valid email address is required for all submitters.
- After the deadline (14 January 2008) for submitting an abstract has passed, an email will be sent from Sigma Theta Tau Beta Phi to confirm receipt of the abstract and that it will be sent for review.
- Only *complete* submissions (see below for what constitutes a complete submission) will be sent for review.
- Notifications will be sent to all first authors/organizers by email in early February 2008.
- Final acceptance is conditional upon registration of presenters.
- For oral presentations and symposia, presenters must use PowerPoint or present without audio-visual equipment. A computer and projector for PowerPoint will be the **ONLY** audio-visual equipment provided. No additional audio-visual equipment (i.e., speakers for sound, laser pointers, flash drives, CDs, etc.) or software (i.e., Flash, QuickTime, Media Player, etc.) will be supplied or can be used. PowerPoint presentations will be requested in advance of the meeting.
- The PowerPoint deadline has been set for 27 February 2008.
- For poster presentations, the poster must stand alone on a table top. There will not be room for any additional equipment (i.e., tables, chairs, laptops, etc.) at the poster presentations.

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Symposium Guidelines

- Symposia may report completed research or focus on research issues.
- A complete symposium includes the following:
 - An overview (300 words, or less, not including title or presenter information)
 - Two (2) learner objectives (i.e., measurable outcomes of presentation which complete the sentence, "The learner will be able to. . .") - each limited to 25 words, or less
 - A statement regarding the purpose/target audience of the presentation (50 words, or less)
 - Two (2) to three (3) keywords
 - Three (3) abstracts (each 300 words, or less) with a common theme
 - One organizer profile (contact and biographical information)
 - A profile for each author (contact and biographical information) -
- At least three different authors must be available to present the symposium.
- Accepted symposia will be limited to 45 minutes, including time for a question and answer dialogue with the audience.

Oral and Poster Guidelines:

- A complete abstract includes the following:
 - Identification of preferred presentation format (oral, poster, or either)
 - Two (2) learner objectives (i.e., measurable outcomes of presentation which complete the sentence, "The learner will be able to. . .") - each limited to 25 words, or less
 - A statement regarding the purpose/target audience of the presentation (50 words, or less)
 - Two (2) to three (3) keywords
 - An abstract (300 words, or less, not including title or presenter information)
 - A profile for each author (contact and biographical information)
- The presenting author should be listed first in the order of authors.
- Oral presentations will be restricted to 20 minutes plus 5 minutes for a question and answer dialogue with the audience.