

**Twelfth Joint Southern California Chapters*
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2007
October 18 and 19, 2007
Sheraton San Diego Hotel, Mission Valley, CA**

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: June 15, 2007

You are invited to submit abstracts for the TWELFTH JOINT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STTI CHAPTERS NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2007 to be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel, Mission Valley, 1433 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, California 92108. The official Call for Abstracts has been posted on Sigma Theta Tau International's website <http://www.nursingsociety.org> and <http://www.omicrondelta.net>

PURPOSE

The purpose of this joint conference is to promote communication about nursing research, education, practice and leadership, and to enhance research collaboration throughout nursing's scholarly community.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings will be distributed at the conference for all in attendance. The proceedings will not be copyrighted. You may publish the paper or abstract elsewhere; we request, however, that you include the notation that the paper or poster was presented at the Twelfth Joint Southern California Chapters STTI Nursing Odyssey Conference 2007.

ELIGIBILITY:

- ❑ Quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed methods research, or innovative projects are eligible for podium or poster presentation.
- ❑ Research must be completed by the time of submission to be eligible for podium presentation.
- ❑ In-progress and completed research are eligible for poster presentation.
- ❑ Innovative projects must be implemented with reportable outcome evidence to be considered for podium presentation.
- ❑ Innovative projects currently without reportable outcome evidence are eligible for poster presentation.
- ❑ Eligible presenters are: members of STTI chapters, faculty, current nursing students, or other interested nurse clinicians, researchers and scholars.

NOTIFICATION

The first author of accepted presentations and posters will be notified by August 12, 2007. Acceptance for presentation at the conference must be confirmed by August 19, 2007.

*The conference is sponsored by the following schools/STTI chapters: Azusa Pacific University/Iota Sigma; CSU Dominguez Hills/Xi Theta; CSU Los Angeles/Nu Mu; CSU Long Beach/Iota Eta; CSU San Bernardino/Rho Beta; Loma Linda University/Gamma Alpha; San Diego State University/Gamma Gamma; University of San Diego-Point Loma Nazarene University/Zeta Mu; University of California Los Angeles/Gamma Tau; University of Phoenix, Southern California Campus/Omicron Delta; CSU Fullerton/Upsilon Beta; Honor Society Chapter, CSU Northridge

SELECTION CRITERIA: Abstracts will be blind reviewed using the *requested* selection criteria below.

- **Quantitative Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
 - Specific aims or objectives of the study;
 - Rationale or background for the study;
 - Research methodology including design, sample, and procedure;
 - Instrument (reliability and validity) and data analysis used;
 - Research findings or results;
 - Implications or significance of findings to nursing.

- **Qualitative Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
 - Phenomenon of interest;
 - Description of methodology;
 - Description of participants;
 - Knowledge gained from study;
 - Implications or significance;
 - Recommendations for future studies.

- **Mixed Methods Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components.
 - Aim or objective;
 - Rationale or background;
 - Research questions clearly stated and appropriate for mixed methodology;
 - Quantitative Sampling procedure;
 - Instruments;
 - Data Collection procedures;
 - Quantitative data analysis procedures;
 - Tradition clearly identified or easily inferred (Qualitative Data Collection);
 - Qualitative data analysis procedures consistent with the tradition;
 - Findings/Results;
 - Strength of the study enhanced with inclusion of both data types;
 - Implications or significance.

- **Innovative Project** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
 - Statement of the problem;
 - Description of evidence-based innovation;
 - Change brought about by innovation;
 - Implications and significance of the innovation for research, practice, leadership and/or education;
 - Recommendations or future problems/questions.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

The abstract should address the most relevant selection criteria listed on page 2.

Abstract should have one inch margins on all sides and be typed in Times Roman or Courier font with type no smaller than 12 point font. The body of the abstract is single spaced with two (2) spaces between paragraphs. Left justify all paragraphs; do not indent to begin a paragraph.

The abstract can be no longer than one page.

Headings: If you like you may use headings such as Objective, Background, Methodology, etc. Left justify and underline all headings.

Begin the abstract with the title **JOINT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STTI CHAPTERS NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2007** in Bold, Centered with Upper case and then the conference dates **October 18 & 19, 2007** on the second line in Bold, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Double space and type **ABSTRACT** in Bold, Centered with Upper case. Double space and indicate TITLE in regular type, Centered with Upper case. Title must fit on one line. Double space and indicate Name of First Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Single space and indicate email address of first author in regular type, centered. Single space and indicate Name of Second Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Double space and begin body of abstract. The following is an example:

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Body of Abstract

If the research or project was supported in full or part by a grant, cite the grant number and granting organization at the bottom of the abstract.

Your abstract must be clean and error-free.

Only abstracts that conform to the Abstract Format requirements will be accepted.

Abstract Information Form

Title of Presentation (conforms to one-line abstract format restriction):

To check a box, double click on the box and on the Check Box Field Options mark Default value *checked* and then click on OK.

Presentation Format (Be sure to indicate preference)

- Podium - Research for podium presentations must be completed by the date of submission
- Poster
- Either Poster or Podium

Which set of selection criteria do you wish to be used to evaluate the abstract?

- Quantitative Research, include date research was completed: _____
- Qualitative Research, include date research was completed: _____
- Mixed Methodology, include date research was completed: _____
- Innovative Project, include date project was evaluated: _____

Complete all sections below (first author responsible to notify all co-presenters):

First Author's Name _____
First Middle Initial Last Credentials (e.g., PhD, RN)

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Sigma Theta Tau Chapter or School Affiliation:

Do not send your CV or resume.

Electronic Submission of Abstracts:

For the Research Session:

Submit the Abstract and Abstract Information Form as Microsoft Word attachments to: sandy.carter@phoenix.edu. Please contact Sandy Carter @ 714.371.9010, extension 31298 if you have questions related to Research abstracts.

For the Innovative Project Session:

Submit the Abstract and Abstract Information Sheet as Microsoft Word attachments to: mgaron@fullerton.edu Please contact Maryanne Garon @ 760.747.1115 if you have any questions related to Innovative Projects abstracts.

Important Note: Please contact Sandy (Research) or Maryanne (Innovative Projects) if you do not receive a *confirmation email of receipt of your application* as there may have been a problem with transmission.