


Community Call for Abstracts



Due Date:
2/10/2017

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Iota Sigma Chapter and Azusa Pacific University 13th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium

"Shaping the Health of our Nation through Research and Evidence-based Practice"
Thursday, March 30, 2017
8:30am – 3:30pm

The Iota Sigma Chapter of the *Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International* invites you to submit an abstract for a poster presentation for the **13th Annual Research Symposium**, cosponsored by the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing.

"Shaping the Health of our Nation through Research and Evidence-based Practice" is the focus of our Research Symposium. Our special keynote speaker is Monica Mclemore, RN, MPH, PhD; Assistant Professor, Family Health Care Nursing Department; Associate Director, Community Engaged Research - UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative – California; and Research Scientist, Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH), University of California, San Francisco.

The goals for the Symposium are:

- Provide an avenue for dissemination of evidence-based research and linkages to clinical applications;
- Utilize researchers as role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues;
- Provide networking opportunities and promote collegiality among students and nursing professionals;
- Provide a forum for students and nurses in the community to present their work.
- Provide a forum for dialogue and collaboration with service and academic partners, locally and internationally.

We welcome abstracts for a poster or podium presentation from practicing nurses, advance practice nurses, and alumni on innovative and practical ideas in clinical practice, research, education, and administration that can be used in a variety of settings to include primary care, hospital, community clinic, school-based clinic, home, military, and healthcare industry. Abstracts for podium presentation must be research-focused and related to the conference theme.

Submission Guidelines

Please include the following information:

- **Presenter Information**

- Name and e-mail for each presenter
- Current employment and position
- Member of STTI? If yes, please identify the Chapter

- **Poster presentation**

- Three types of posters can be submitted: Research, Innovative Practice, and Web of Knowledge/Literature Review
- Instructions for poster content and judging criteria are attached

- **Abstracts content**

Abstracts should fit on one (1) page, one-inch margins on all sides, single-spaced with approximately 300 words. Please use Times New Roman 12-point font. We recommend a structured format with the following headings:

- Background
- Purpose
- Conceptual or Theoretical framework clearly described (for research abstracts)
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions/Implications

Headings: Left justify and bold all headings.

TITLE

Name of First Author, License, Degree
email address

Name of Second Author, License, Degree

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.

Please apply by February 10, 2017.

Notification of acceptance will be provided by March 3, 2017.

Please e-mail your Abstract to Marilyn Klakovich, DNSc., RN, NEA-BC; Director of Continuing Education, Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing, Research Chair & Past President, Iota Sigma Chapter, Chair, Research Symposium Planning Subcommittee, mklakovich@apu.edu

The Iota Sigma Chapter Research Committee will judge the posters based on the following criteria:

1. Overall Appearance
2. Content

*** The top scoring posters will receive a recognition award!**

Criteria for Poster Judging

Overall appearance (all categories)

- Poster attracts and hold viewer's attention
- Poster appears free of unnecessary detail
- Appropriate use of white space to avoid crowding
- Print visible from 4 to 5 feet
- Poster free of spelling/grammatical errors
- Content logically organized
- Content clearly written/easy to understand

Content

1. Research Poster

- Problem/background clearly stated
- Purpose/aim of the study clearly stated
- Sample or population clearly identified
- Research design described
- Variables investigated and instruments (if quantitative) clearly identified
- Data analysis procedures described
- Major findings, conclusions, and recommendations summarized succinctly for completed research
- Implications/significance for nursing described

2. Innovative Practice Poster

- Problem/background clearly stated
- Purpose/aim of the project clearly stated
- Target population to be affected described
- Implementation process clearly described
- Resulting change summarized succinctly for completed innovations
- Implications/significance for nursing described

3. Web of Knowledge/Literature Review Poster

- Topic of interest or problem statement clearly stated
- Articles current and relevant
- The information gathered synthesized and evaluated
- The key findings identified
- Implications/significance for nursing described