

## 2017 ANCC National Magnet® Conference Track Descriptions:

### **Track 1: Practice/Evidence-Based Practice**

**Practice track** abstracts focus on actions implemented by nurses to facilitate exemplary nursing practice in all work settings (e.g. acute, ambulatory, or post-acute). Topics include, but are not limited to, practice exemplars resulting in significant improvement in processes or patient outcomes; impact of longitudinal Magnet® designation on practice environments; improvement opportunities identified or in response to regulatory requirements; professional models of care resulting in enhanced staff satisfaction and optimal patient outcomes; nurses as teachers; autonomy in practice; interdisciplinary/interprofessional relationships and collaboration; promotion of diversity in the work environment; advanced nursing practice roles and responsibilities; quality of care including ethics, patient safety, and quality infrastructure. Abstracts must evidence nursing staff or management activities in any healthcare setting related to one of the topical areas and must focus on one or more conference learning goals/outcomes. Where applicable, abstracts should incorporate nursing quality measurements and/or some aspect of nursing quality data. Abstracts must include the purpose and description of the nursing initiative, the practice changes implemented, evaluation of the effectiveness, and implications for practice.

**Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)** abstracts must demonstrate a *completed* evidence-based practice initiative resulting in a new practice for nursing within the organization. Topic areas include, but are not limited to, the following: improvements resulting from innovation in nursing; implementation of technology to enhance care quality, the patient experience, and nursing practice; collaborative or inter-professional initiatives; work flow/space improvements, etc. Evidence-Based Practice abstracts must describe the purpose for the initiative, process for implementation, evaluation of the initiative, and implications for nursing practice. Nursing quality data or other empirical data evidencing outcomes should be included

### **Elements of Practice/Evidence-Based Practice Abstracts:**

Section Character Limit (2,500 total)	Section
300	<b><i>Purpose (What):</i></b> Identify the overall goal of the initiative.
500	<b><i>Relevance/Significance (Why):</i></b> Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s) and why the initiative was necessary.
1000	<b><i>Strategy and Implementation (How):</i></b> Describe the initiative actions and the process of implementation.
400	<b><i>Evaluation/Outcomes (So what):</i></b> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the initiative change (success or failure).
300	<b><i>Implications for Practice (And now):</i></b> Discuss specific implications for nursing practice.

## **Track 2: Leadership**

**Leadership** track abstracts focus on actions implemented by nurses demonstrating organizational leadership at the staff, middle and executive role levels in all work settings. Such actions evidence nursing's empowerment and influence to impact quality and the nursing care environment. Topics include, but are not limited to, the diversity and quality of nursing leadership; transformational leadership; collaboration to enhance organizational effectiveness and the nursing practice environment; management style; longitudinal impact of transformation leadership and Magnet® culture attributes on the organization, nurses, and patients; succession planning to prepare future nurse leaders; and clinical leadership involving advanced practice roles and/or educational roles. Abstracts must evidence nursing staff or management activities related to one of the topical areas and must focus on one or more conference learning goals/outcomes. Abstracts must include the purpose and description of the nursing initiative, implementation strategies, evaluation of the impact/effectiveness on the organization, and implications for nursing leadership.

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Section Character Limit (2,500 total)	Section
300	<b><i>Purpose (What):</i></b> Identify the overall goal of the initiative.
500	<b><i>Relevance/Significance (Why):</i></b> Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s) and why the initiative was necessary.
1000	<b><i>Strategy and Implementation (How):</i></b> Describe the initiative actions and the process of implementation.
400	<b><i>Evaluation/Outcomes (So what):</i></b> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the initiative change (success or failure).
300	<b><i>Implications for Practice (And now):</i></b> Discuss specific implications for nursing practice.

### **Track 3: Innovation**

**Innovation** track abstracts focus on progressive, forward thinking, “out-of-the-box” strategies, process improvements, and exemplars that affect nurses and/or interprofessional team members in any healthcare practice setting. Such strategies must relate to the conference learning goals/outcomes and may be oriented to administrative or staff level approaches, and should highlight creative methods used to achieve leading edge, high-quality, effective, and efficient nursing services in one or all of the following areas:

- care delivery systems and patient-centered care
- shared governance
- nursing work environment
- nursing autonomy
- clinical practice
- education
- networking
- organizational changes
- leadership
- collaboration among health care teams or providers
- leveraging diversity to achieve outcomes
- the impact of longitudinal Magnet® designation on organizational innovation and innovative strategies

Abstracts must include the purpose and description of the innovation, its organizational history and implementation, nurses’, team members’, and patients’ responses to the innovation, evaluation of the effectiveness of the strategy, and implications for broader implementation into exemplary professional practice.

#### **Elements of Innovation Abstracts:**

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300	<b><i>Purpose (What):</i></b> Identify the overall goal of the initiative.
500	<b><i>Relevance/Significance (Why):</i></b> Describe the initiative’s relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s) and why the initiative was necessary.
1000	<b><i>Strategy and Implementation (How):</i></b> Describe the initiative actions and the process of implementation.
400	<b><i>Evaluation/Outcomes (So what):</i></b> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the initiative change (success or failure).
300	<b><i>Implications for Practice (And now):</i></b> Discuss specific implications for nursing practice.

#### **Track 4: Research**

**Research** track abstracts for oral presentation are limited to *completed* research using a quantitative or qualitative design. Research in progress is acceptable for poster presentations only. Research can be original or replication studies that address one or more of the following topical areas:

- new knowledge
- innovations
- improvements in nursing practice
- impact of longitudinal Magnet® designation on individuals or organizations

Researchers must include an explanation of their mechanism for assessing and maintaining research rigor, as well as outlining the research approach. Abstracts must describe the research purpose, significance, methods, sample, results, conclusions, and implications for practice. Posters may omit results and conclusions, but must include hypotheses.

#### **Elements of Research Abstracts:**

Section Character Limit (2,500 total)	Section
300	<b>Purpose:</b> State the intent or goal of the research.
500	<b>Background/Significance:</b> Describe the knowledge base you are building on, and the importance of the research goal. This section should also include hypotheses or research aims.
700	<b>Methods:</b> Identify the research design, sample, instruments, data collection procedures, and analytic approach used.
700	<b>Results:</b> Describe findings and include actual analytical data.
300	<b>Conclusions and Implications for Practice:</b> Discuss the meaning of the findings and their implications for nursing practice.

