

2018 ANCC National Magnet® Conference Abstract Call Instructions

The 2018 ANCC National Magnet® Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, October 24-26, 2018. The conference call for abstracts will be open October 13, 2017 through December 11, 2017, 5:00 p.m. ET. The primary contact for each abstract submitted will be notified by electronic communication of their acceptance status in February 2018. You are invited to submit abstract(s) for oral or poster presentation by the deadline. **New this year:** Abstract submission is open to all submitters who have nursing related projects enhancing patient outcomes, nursing practice, or the nursing work environment.

Conference Goals and Topical Areas:

The conference learning goals/outcomes are:

- Translate exemplar strategies into solutions for nursing challenges to foster excellence in nursing and optimal outcomes for patients
- Leverage the Magnet® nursing culture to optimize organizational performance related to quality, safety, patient-centered care, and efficiency
- Distinguish the long term impact of transformational leadership and the Magnet® culture on organizations and patients
- Synthesize science-based innovations, technology, and research to advance nursing practice, enhance patient safety, and promote optimal health and wellness
- Employ tools and strategies that promote professional nursing practice

Abstract submission should relate to one or more of the conference goals. Topical areas of interest include nursing practice, evidence-based practice, nursing leadership, nursing innovation, and nursing research.

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

| Section Character Limit (2500 total) | Section |
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| 300 | Purpose (What): Identify the overall goal of the initiative. |
| 500 | Relevance/Significance (Why): Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s) and why the initiative was necessary. |
| 1000 | Strategy and Implementation (How): Describe the initiative actions and the process of implementation. |
| 400 | Evaluation/Outcomes (So what): Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the initiative change (success or failure). |
| 300 | Implications for Practice (And now): 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 (2500 total) | Section |
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| 300 | Purpose: State the intent or goal of the research. |
| 500 | Background/Significance: 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 | Methods: Identify the research design, sample, instruments, data collection procedures, and analytic approach used. |
| 700 | Results: Describe findings and include actual analytical data. |
| 300 | Conclusions and Implications for Practice: Discuss the meaning of the findings and their implications for nursing practice. |

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- All abstracts must be submitted online in alignment with provided guidelines.
- Abstracts must not exceed the published character limits.
- Abstracts may be submitted for oral (podium) or poster presentation. Abstracts submitted for oral presentation will be considered for oral or poster presentation, unless otherwise specified by the primary presenter.
- Abstracts must align with one or more conference goals and be submitted for one track only.
- The following may not be entered in the abstract system: charts, graphs, bullet points, indentations or references.
- Files and/or videos may not be uploaded as attachments.
- Review your abstract for grammar and spelling errors prior to submission. Proper grammar and accuracy are a reflection of the quality of your abstract.
- Steps for submission:
 1. Click link entitled 'Begin an Abstract'.
 2. Complete online submission form ensuring that each field is completed as instructed. Click the 'Save' button on each page.
 3. All demographic, biographical, and conflict of interest information must be completed by each presenter listed on the abstract prior to abstract submission. Failure to complete all required fields for the abstract and each presenter will disqualify the abstract from consideration. Each presenter must individually complete the conflict of interest form via the personalized link sent from Confex before the abstract can be completed.
 4. Complete each section of the abstract form.
 5. Click 'Submit' before the published deadline to ensure your abstract is formally submitted. You will receive a confirmation email once the abstract is successfully submitted.
 6. Edits may be made in the online system until December 11, 2017, 5:00 p.m. ET at which time the submission site will close and no further changes may be made.
- For technical assistance, please email: ancc@confex.com or call 401-334-0220 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. ET.

Those accepted for presentation at the conference are required to:

- Respond with their intent by the designated date in the email invitation.
- Accept presenter guidelines in the online system.
- Register for the conference by the 2018 early bird deadline.
- Assume costs associated with full registration, travel, and accommodations for the conference.
- Authenticate a speaker release form and acceptance of guidelines via the Speaker Center in the online abstract system per the acceptance email.
- Upload the electronic presentation (oral or poster) and handouts to the online system no later than July 2, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET.