



2020 Abstract Submission Guidelines

The Academy advances health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The Academy's more than 2,800 fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research. The 2020 Transforming Health Driving Policy Conference will focus on *In Crisis and Calm: Leading with Purpose*. We invite abstracts that inform the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science as specified in the 2019-2020 Academy Policy Priorities: Advance Health Equity & Champion Wellness, Promote Innovation & Sustainability, and Reduce Patient, Provider, & System Burden.

The Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference Will Be Held Virtually

After careful consideration and weighing the continued impact of COVID-19 on individuals, families, and institutions, the American Academy of Nursing's (Academy) Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to hold the 2020 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference virtually. The health and safety of our Fellows and your respective communities is of the utmost importance. Reviewing the guidelines from the District of Columbia's Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC Health Department, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our large scale in-person event would not be feasible. By announcing this shift now, it allows us to fully invest our resources to create a memorable event focused on learning, understanding, and celebrating. For additional questions regarding Academy events, please reach out to conferences@aannet.org and continue to visit the [Academy Resource Page](#) for updated information about issues related to COVID-19.

Submission Fee

The cost for submitting abstracts for peer review is **\$45**. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, there will be a second cost of **\$90** to submit your poster. Additionally, presenters will be expected to pay the conference registration fee before the start of the conference. Visit www.aannet.org/2020 for more information.

Submission Process

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the online process; the link to submit can be accessed at: www.aannet.org/2020

Review Process

The 2020 Abstract Review Committee will select abstracts based on scores and recommendations from peer reviewers.

Timeline

Abstract Submission Deadline: **The abstract submission deadline has been extended to July 31, 2020.**

Helpful Hints

- You do not have to be a Fellow of the Academy to submit an abstract.
- Submissions should be original work and may not have been presented or submitted to another national or international conference unless specific permission has been granted by the Abstract Sub-Committee Chair.

- Four types of abstracts (research, historical research, evidence based, or quality improvement) will be accepted for poster presentation (described below).
- Projects should have complete data by the time of presentation.
- Tables, graphs, and charts are **not** permitted in the abstract.
- The title should be brief and reflect abstract content; standard abbreviations may be used.
- Review criteria are specific to each abstract type and reflect an evaluation of how clearly and effectively authors address the abstract components (listed under each type described below). Authors are responsible for including the appropriate abstract components for the specific type of abstract submitted.
- Authors will designate the abstract type during the submission process to facilitate the use of appropriate review criteria by abstract reviewers.

For More Information

Follow the abstract submission process provided on the website. You will be able to edit your abstract through July 31st. After July 31st, the abstract is considered final and will be reviewed based on the content provided. If you have specific questions not addressed in these instructions, please email: rjames@aannet.org

Types of Abstracts Accepted

Research Abstracts (must not exceed 250 words)

- The format of the research abstract must include the following components:
 - Purpose: The overall purpose, research question, or study hypothesis and theoretical rationale.
 - Methods: The study or project design and methods (sample, procedures, measures, and data analysis).
 - Results: The study or project findings or products.
 - Conclusions: The overall impact of findings and relevance to nursing or healthcare science.
 - Policy implications: Describe how the findings influence or potentially influence health policy.
- Review criteria will be based on the 5 previously mentioned components, and rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.

Historical Research Abstract (must not exceed 250 words)

- The format of the historical research abstract must include the following components:
 - Purpose: The overall purpose and research questions should be identified.
 - Significance: The background and significance to health policy today should be identified and described.
 - Methods: Primary sources and the framework should be described.
 - Results: The study findings should be outlined.
 - Conclusions/Policy implications: Describe how the historical evidence relates to policy issues today.
- Review criteria will be based on the connection between evidence presented and logic of conclusions, and rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable

Evidence Based Practice Abstract (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the EBP abstract must include the following components:
- Purpose: The overall purpose of the project and EBP model used.
 - Practice Change: The proposed practice change and rationale.
 - Strength of the Evidence: The strength of the evidence guiding the proposed change in practice.
 - Implementation Strategies: The strategies used to implement the practice change.
 - Stakeholders: A description of the stakeholders influenced by and participating in the change in practice.
 - Evaluation: A description of the evaluation strategies used to assess the impact of the change in practice.
- B. Review criteria will be based on a clearly stated purpose, the inclusion of the strength of evidence in the abstract, discussion of the practice change, implementation strategies and stakeholders described, and methods for evaluation of the change discussed, and rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.

Quality Improvement Abstract (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. The format of the QI abstract must include the following components as defined by the Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence (SQUIRE) Guidelines:
- Background: Briefly describe the problem, with justification.
 - Purpose: Describe the goals/objectives of the project.
 - Design: Describe the project design.
 - Setting: Describe the institution(s) and, if appropriate, type of units participating in the project.
 - Patients/Providers: Describe the number and type of patients or providers (intervention target sample) and eligibility criteria.
 - Implementation: Describe the critical aspects/components of the improvement process.
 - Measurements: Describe the measurements assessed.
 - Results: Describe the findings assuring their consistency with the study goals.
 - Limitations: Discuss the limitations of the methods.
 - Conclusions: Briefly describe the implications of the findings.
- B. Review criteria will be based on a clearly stated problem and goals; the methods including the setting, target sample, improvement process, and measures; results and limitations; and conclusions, including institutional or health system policy implications, and rated on a 5 point scale: 5=Exceptional, 4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Not acceptable.