



## 2023 Abstract Submission Guidelines

The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) advances health policy through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The Academy's more than 2,900 Fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research. The 2023 Health Policy Conference will focus on ***Celebrating 50 Years of Leadership, Policy, and Partnerships***. We invite abstracts that inform the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science as specified in the [2023-2024 Academy Policy Priorities to Achieve Health Equity](#): Increase Accessibility to All Forms of Health Care, Promote High-Impact Advances in Practice, Innovation, and Science, and Build Capacity to Support Nurses and Other Providers.

### Submission Fee

The fee for submitting abstracts for peer review is **\$50**. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, there will be a second fee of **\$90** to submit your poster. These fees are non-refundable. Presenters must pay the conference registration fee before the start of the conference.

### Submission Process

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the online process; the link to submit is available [here](#). *Please note: all submitting authors must create a new login to submit an abstract for the 2023 submission cycle.*

### Review Process

The 2023 Abstract Review Committee will select abstracts based on scores and recommendations from peer reviewers.

### Timeline

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Thursday, May 25, 2023, 11:59pm ET**. Abstract decisions may be expected by the first week of August.

### 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 Review Chairs.
- 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 **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. After May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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: [hgarfinkle@aannet.org](mailto:hgarfinkle@aannet.org) with the subject, "2023 Academy Policy Conference Abstract."

## Types of Abstracts Accepted

### Research Abstract (must not exceed 250 words)

- A. 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 health care.
  - Policy implications: Describe how the findings influence or potentially influence health policy.
- B. 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)

- A. 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.

\*\*\* For purposes of Academy abstract submission, historical research is defined as the systematic investigation of past people/events/occurrences to generate new knowledge or validate existing knowledge. The subset of case studies that focus with past events would be considered historical research.

- B. 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 Evidence Based Practice (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 Quality Improvement (QI) abstract must include the following components as defined by the Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence (SQIRE) 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.