Call for Abstracts

General Information

- Abstract deadline: All abstracts due February 9, 2024 10 PM EST.
- All proposals submitted will be blind reviewed and considered by a peer-review committee for their potential contribution to the conference objectives.
- Presenters will be notified of the outcome of the review committee by March 31, 2024 and must confirm their participation by April 15, 2024.
- All presenters are expected to pay for their registration and travel expenses to the conference.
- All proposals must be free of commercial bias. The Conference offers multiple opportunities for companies wishing to reach attendees including sponsorships and exhibits.
- Contact hours will be awarded for these presentations, and therefore the proposal will include two learner objectives.
- Proposals will be asked to select a flash session (8-10 minutes), 25-minute, 50 minute session or a poster presentation. Presentation sessions will include time for questions and answers.
- You may indicate a preference on your abstract form but the final determination will be made by the selection committee. Proposals not accepted for presentation may be asked to do a poster presentation.
- LCD projectors will be available for the presentations.
- Questions related to this call for abstracts can be sent to info@nursingworkforcecenters.org

Conference Objectives and Categories for Abstracts

The National Forum of Nursing Workforce Centers conference will explore strategies, policy, and advocacy related to the nursing workforce and is seeking abstracts in the following categories:

- **K-12 pipeline:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on the K-12 population and provide outreach or support services to elementary, middle, and high school students in hopes of encouraging and promoting interest in nursing and other health professions.

- **Pre-requisite education, pre-nursing pathways:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Issues related to nursing program requirements.
    - Eliminating barriers that do not facilitate entry into pre-licensure programs
    - Innovative pre-nursing educational models or pathways into the profession

- **Pre-licensure education at the RN and APRN levels:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Models to decrease the gap between what is taught in education and the ability to use that knowledge to safely care for patients upon graduation.
    - Increasing the nurse faculty, clinical nurse educator, and clinical preceptor workforce.
    - Best practices in the academic preparation and continuing education needs of qualified nurse educators, nurse faculty, and clinical nurse preceptors.
    - Decreasing limitations on nursing education capacity such as, but not limited to clinical placements.
    - Increasing the diversity of the nursing student population
    - Issues or supports for nursing students with social determinants of health and education.

- **Health and well-being of the nursing workforce:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Creating healthy work environments or addressing toxic leadership/toxic environments.
    - Issues and innovations in health and well-being.

- **Upskilling the workforce through academic and/or mentoring programs:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Innovations in transition-to-practice/residencies programs or apprenticeship programs, certificate programs, or mentoring programs.
    - Academic progression in nursing.

- **Optimizing the nursing workforce:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Re-energizing licensed nurses to direct care roles.
    - Issues or initiatives that maximize the value of nurses such as, but not limited to, payment reform and healthcare financing.
    - Nursing care model innovations (e.g., team based care).

- **Workforce Data:** This category seeks abstract submissions on programs or initiatives that focus on:
    - Nursing workforce data
    - Understanding data issues and innovations in accessing, analyzing, or interpreting data.

Selection Criteria

All proposals submitted will be blind reviewed and considered by a peer review committee for their potential contribution to the conference objectives. Abstract submissions will be rated on the following:
- Overall quality
- Applicability to conference objectives
- Approach or method
- Outcomes or findings

In addition to the selection criteria above, new content will be prioritized over content that has been presented at past conferences.

Submission Information

The National Forum is using Dryfta to manage abstract submissions.
Steps to submit an abstract:
1. [Click here to access Dryfta.](#)
2. Create an account.
3. Once the account is created, go to your username at the top right-hand corner and click on My Submissions in the drop down menu.
4. Click the green Submit Abstract button.

If you have questions, send an email to info@nursingworkforcecenters.org