Abstract Category Guidelines

Please utilize the abstract criteria/format that best fits the type of work you wish to share. Include the headings and relevant content in 300 words or less.

Research Abstract Criteria
- **Purpose**: Discuss reason study was conducted, and why it is important for nursing science, practice and/or patient care.
- **Background**: Provide an overview of the literature search and gap analysis leading to the research topic selected.
- **Methods**: Describe the study design, setting and sample, instruments used, and data collection procedures.
- **Discussion**: Present the results in brief and discuss the findings within the context of prior research, and study limitations.
- **Implications for practice**: Explain what the findings mean for the art and science of nursing.

Evidence-Based Practice Project Criteria
- **Clinical Inquiry**: Describe the problem or identified need for a clinical practice change.
- **Evidence**: Identify the PICO(T) question that guided the literature search and brief description of the literature search process.
- **Literature Synthesis**: Identify key points from the synthesis of the literature.
- **Evidence based intervention**: Describe the intervention design, process, and timeline.
- **Evaluation and outcomes**: Discuss the methods used to evaluate results or measure outcomes.
- **Recommendations and implications for practice**: Summarize the value this change has had on practice.

Quality Improvement Project Abstract Criteria
- **Purpose**: What was the intent/goal of the project? What clinical problem was addressed by the quality improvement process?
- **Background**: Description of current process/practice that led to the identification of areas needing changes. Briefly describe the literature (or facility data) that supports the purpose.
- **Process/Program**: What process or program was implemented to achieve the project goal? How was the quality improvement program implemented? What were the barriers and facilitating factors?
- **Evaluation and Outcomes**: What were the outcomes of the project? How were the outcomes measured? What was the method of data collection? What were the findings?
- **Implications for Practice**: What were the recommendations for your clinical practice site based on the outcomes of the quality improvement project? What measures were in place to assure the sustaining of the recommended improvements in practice?

Education Project Abstract Criteria
**Note**: This category of submission can either be discussing an educational project being conducted, or an education session on specific topics that would benefit nursing research, education, or practice. Such an education session will be scheduled for a 40-45 minutes’ virtual presentation, and 15 minutes Q & A, subject to the review and vetting by the Conference Planning Committee.
- **Needs Assessment**: Describe how the particular need for education was identified.
· **Purpose and Objectives**: Include target population, overall goal and clinical significance, and measurable learning objectives.

· **Teaching Plan**: include content outline and evidence-based teaching strategies.

· **Potential/Actual barriers and facilitators**: anticipated and unanticipated.

· **Evaluation**: describe how learning outcomes can be evaluated.

· **Implications for practice**: provide a brief discussion on how this education program may impact nursing education or clinical practice.

**Note**: For a topical education session, please include the content outline and teaching strategies in the abstract. A longer abstract but not more than 400 words will be accommodated.