

Deadline for submissions:

ALL submissions must be completed by **11:59 pm, Eastern Time, February 6, 2009**. No new submissions or edits will be accepted after the deadline.

Who may submit abstracts:

1. Anyone employed by a currently designated Magnet organization
2. Anyone closely affiliated with a Magnet organization. For example, researchers or educators working in partnership with, but not employed by, a Magnet organization.

If your organization is a current applicant for Magnet recognition expecting to be designated BEFORE April 1, 2009, you may submit an abstract. However, if your organization has not been recognized before that date, the abstract will be removed from consideration.

There is no limit on the number of abstracts that may be submitted by one person or organization.

All abstract submissions:

- Must be 250 words or less, exclusive of footnoted references.
- Must be blinded - all references to the organizations and/or authors by name must be omitted from **both** the title and body of the abstract in order to ensure a fair, unbiased review process.
- If based on a research project, research must be completed and the data analyzed three months BEFORE the conference (by July 1, 2009)
- Must be submitted under one of three conference learning objectives:
- After participation in the 2009 ANCC National Magnet Conference™, attendees will be able to:
 - Describe innovations which demonstrate excellence in nursing practice
 - Discuss how Transformational Leadership results in nursing excellence
 - Explain how evidence-based practice and research impact nursing outcomes

Poster vs. Podium abstract submissions:

- **DO NOT submit the same abstract twice - once as a podium and once as a poster.** Doing so will not increase your odds of being accepted. When duplicate submissions are found, one of the two will be deleted.

If accepted for presentation, all abstract presenters and co-presenters must:

- Submit required forms in electronic format as directed. The forms will be sent electronically with notification of abstract acceptance and not before.
- **Register for and attend the conference**
- Assume all costs related to travel, accommodations, and registration

Poster presenters must:

- Submit an electronic version of the poster in PDF format by July 31, 2009.

- Be present to answer questions during designated times as part of the conference continuing education program. Poster sessions are held on all three days of the conference.

Podium presenters must:

- Expect an audience between 175 and 500 people.
- Speak for 50 minutes *minimum* followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. All sessions must be 60 minutes in total length in order to fulfill CE requirements.
- Submit the **final** version of their PowerPoint presentation by July 31, 2009.

Review and Selection:

Each abstract will be evaluated through a **blinded, peer review** process by members of the Continuing Education Advisory Taskforce. Abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Presentation of Abstract - Grammar, spelling, clarity
- Content - Substantive, current, of interest to potential attendees
- Relevance to the conference goal and objectives

Acceptance:

Notification of abstract selection or non-selection status will be sent **via email** in May, 2009. Please be sure that the email address provided in the submission process is valid and that it contains no typographical errors.