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THE NATIONAL NURSING FORUM

Make Change Happen

Call for abstracts

THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF NURSING 2017 NATIONAL NURSING FORUM

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‘MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN’

As the pre-eminent national professional organisation for nurses, The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is inviting nurses and undergraduates from all over Australia, and internationally, from all settings to submit an abstract addressing our theme **“Make Change Happen”** for our signature event, The National Nursing Forum (NNF).

This year, we will be looking to promote innovative nurses making change happen in Education, Industry, Academia and those Entrepreneurs from cities to remote areas. We welcome the opportunity to give undergraduates through to retired nurses the opportunity to share their learnings and their stories.

This is your opportunity to present on a national scale. All accepted abstracts provide the author/s a guaranteed paper in one of ACN’s national publications throughout 2017/18.

We encourage Registered Nurse and Enrolled Nurse submissions from new emerging presenters and researchers.

Abstracts should be linked to the theme, **“Make Change Happen,”** using your voice as a health professional to influence and lead change in nursing, health and aged care. At the 2016 National Nursing Forum we explored, *“The Power of Now.”* As nurse leaders, 2017 will be about how we put *“The Power of Now”* into action to make a difference to patients, communities and social determinates of health nationally and globally.

In addition to oral and poster presentations, and following feedback received at the NNF 2016, we are asking for people to put in expressions of interest to present a masterclass. Masterclass presentation submissions need to be contemporary, interactive and person centred. There are four masterclass sessions available and each successful masterclass will be delivered twice.

Let us know if you are a first timer in submitting abstracts or presenting. ACN welcomes the opportunity to nurture and promote new talent.

Submitting your abstract

Abstracts must be submitted online using the Abstract Submission Form by **3 February 2017**. No other means of submission will be considered.

- All details must be completed to allow the automated system to process your submission
- The person submitting the abstract is the person who will receive all correspondence in relation to the abstract and is responsible for passing on information to co-authors and/or co-presenters and other parties
- You must indicate which type of presentation is being proposed; oral or poster
- You must include the requested information for any co-authors and/or co-presenters as their name will be included in the program if the submission is successful
- Authors must read and agree to the *Terms and Conditions* for your submission to be accepted for consideration

If your abstract is accepted for presentation these are your guidelines:

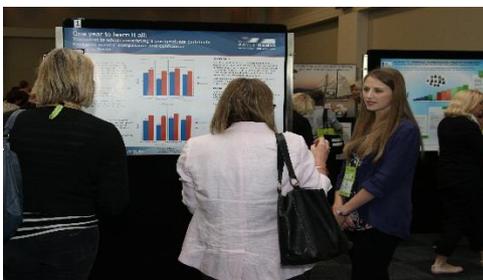
Concurrent session oral presentations

- Abstract presentations will be 20 minutes, including five minutes for questions and discussion
- The room will be equipped with a data projector, screen and laptop computer



Poster presentations

- Maximum visual area of 1.2m high and 1m wide
- Should be to an academic research poster standard
- Posters will be displayed for the duration of the NNF
- A dedicated poster presentation session where the author(s) must be present to share their work and ideas with delegates
- Four categories of posters in line with abstract categories (*Education, Industry, Academia and Nurse Entrepreneurs*) will each be awarded a prize. Posters must be displayed at the NNF with the author present at the dedicated session to be eligible for voting and the prize.



Masterclasses

- Provides an opportunity for a more in-depth approach to our theme ***“Make Change Happen.”*** Masterclasses must be in a workshop format, interactive for participants, contemporary, and relevant to a wide range of ages, skill sets and diverse professional backgrounds
- Two sessions, running for 90 minutes each
- Learning objectives outlined

General information – applies to oral and poster presentations

When constructing your abstract please note that it must:

- Be submitted as a Word document and contain text only
- Be structured to include a title, introductory sentence, description of pertinent research (if applicable), summary and conclusion
- Be a maximum of 300 words in length, excluding the title
- Not contain any author names or information
- Clearly address the Forum theme, ***Make Change Happen***

Successful abstracts are to be published in the online NNF Program. Successful authors are given the opportunity to provide a written paper based on your abstract to be published in an ACN publication in the year following the event.

Selection process and acceptance notification

- The Abstract Review Committee will undertake a peer-review process to judge the abstracts
- Abstracts will be reviewed on their content, relevance to the NNF theme, adherence to the above submission guidelines and overall quality
- Abstracts submitted for oral presentation may be offered a poster presentation at the discretion of the Abstract Review Committee
- It is anticipated that the submitting author will be notified of their abstract submission outcome via email from 17 March 2017

Key dates

6 December 2016	Submissions open
3 February 2017	Submissions close
17 March 2017	Authors notified of submission outcome
31 March 2017	Presenters to confirm acceptance
21 April 2017	Presenter registrations due
7 August 2017	Final presentations due for submission

Terms and conditions

In order to submit an abstract for NNF 2017, the abstract submitter/main author must agree to the following terms and conditions that will apply if the abstract is accepted for presentation.

- I agree that myself and any co-presenters will register for the NNF and pay the registration fee by **21 April 2017**, noting that we must also meet our own travel and accommodation costs
- I agree to be the main contact for the event organisers in relation to the presentation and distribute information to any co-presenters
- I agree to provide my PowerPoint/Prezi presentation or session plan to ACN by **7 August 2017**
- I give permission for my abstract and PowerPoint presentation to be published in the NNF program and on the ACN website following the event
- I give permission for my provided biography to be given to the session chairperson prior to the NNF and for reductions to be made to my biography at the discretion of ACN and the session chair
- I give permission for a photographer to be present during my presentation and agree to these photos being used on the ACN website, in publications and on social media for promotional purposes
- ACN may engage a videographer to film presentations throughout the NNF. If you do not want your presentation to be filmed, please advise us via events@acn.edu.au.

Further information

For enquiries please contact the ACN Events team on (02) 6283 3400 or events@acn.edu.au