



MIDWEST NURSING RESEARCH SOCIETY

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

1. All abstracts must be submitted electronically, using the official on-line submission site, by September 15.
2. The abstract must be single-spaced and in upper and lowercase letters.
3. The text may not exceed 300 words including acknowledgements. MNRS will NOT edit abstracts for typing, spelling, or grammatical errors.
4. Please carefully check all text for errors before submitting into the system as the quality of your submission may strongly affect the outcome of the reviewer's scoring of your abstract.
5. Use short titles and standard abbreviations. The title should be specific to the content.
6. Avoid reference to institution names, locations, or funding sources in the abstract.
7. Tables, graphs, and charts are permitted in abstracts.
8. To copy text from another application and paste it into the abstract field, first select the desired text and use your application's 'copy' function to duplicate the text. To paste the text into the field, click on the desired destination using your application's 'paste' function to insert the text.
9. List three (3) key words related to your research.
10. **Completed research** is offered two presentation types, paper or poster. Chose the presentation type you prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate your request. **Research in progress** is limited to poster presentations only.
11. Identify the name of the research section you want to review your abstract.

Criteria for Review of Abstracts

The following criteria will be used to score abstracts for presentation; problem is clearly defined, theoretical/conceptual framework is appropriate, methodology and design are appropriate, analysis is relevant to the stated problem, relevance to nursing practice is described, and for completed research, interpretation of findings is based on data.

Review Form

Please read the abstract and rate it according to each criteria by choosing the appropriate number from the drop-down list that best fits your appraisal. **Rating Codes:** 4 = Excellent, 1 = Poor

Problem is clearly defined.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Theoretical/conceptual framework is appropriate.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Methodology and design are appropriate.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Analysis is relevant to the stated problem.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Interpretation of findings is based on data.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Relevance to nursing practice is described.

- 4 = Excellent
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Acceptable
- 1 = Not acceptable

Definition of Presentation Types

Paper Presentations- A paper presentation is an oral presentation reserved for completed research. **Only the first author may make the presentation.** Each paper presentation will be a maximum of 15 minutes in length and will be followed by a brief question and answer period of approximately 3 minutes. Only reports of completed research that have not been published in a referred journal or have not been presented at a previous MNRS conference can be submitted. Please note that incomplete research or data awaiting final results will not be considered for paper presentations. Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, Purpose, theoretical/conceptual framework, subjects, method, results, and conclusions.

Poster Presentations- Reports of completed research or research in progress may be presented as a poster. Abstracts must include the following sections: Title, Purpose, theoretical/conceptual framework, subjects, method, results and conclusions, as applicable. For research in progress, the anticipated method of analysis should be included.

Freestanding 4'x 8' corkboards will be provided for the posters.

Competitive Symposia- Symposia include 3-5 papers that relate to a single topic. Each paper must be submitted as an individual abstract. The abstracts may describe completed research or research in progress with a discussion of methodological considerations, a synthesis of related literature or other research topics of relevance. Abstracts must include: Purpose, theoretical/conceptual framework, subjects, method and results and conclusions, as applicable. The symposium title must be included with the submission.

Following the final selection of 3-5 abstracts, the coordinator organizes the selected abstracts into a symposium and submits them to MNRS Headquarters electronically. The deadline date for submission of abstracts for competitive symposia is July 15.

The competitive symposium on-line submission must include:

- Name of the Moderator
- Name of each Presenter
- The focus of the symposium (50 words or less)
- The name(s) and number(s) of the research section(s) submitting the proposal

Please note: A sub committee of the Program Planning Committee will review all competitive symposia. An abstract submitted as part of a competitive symposium will not undergo further review for individual presentation if the symposium is not accepted. Only the organizer of the symposium will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance. It is the organizers responsibility to notify all other participants of the outcome of the reviewers' decision. Notification of acceptance will be sent in late June or early July. Accepted competitive symposium presenters must then submit their abstract into the on-line submission system no later than September 15th.

Guaranteed Research Section Symposia- Each year, a number of Research Sections are guaranteed their own symposia at the Annual Research Conference.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Section Number</u>
2007	10, 12, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28
2008	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 29
2009	19, 23, 25, 27, 2, 4, 8, 30, 31, 32
2010	10, 12, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28
2011	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 29

Abstracts for Guaranteed Research Section Symposia are first submitted to the Section Chair. If your abstract has been selected, by the Research Section, submit your abstract and indicate that it is part of a Guaranteed Research Section Symposium. You must also indicate which Research Section your abstract is being submitted for.