

### **When can I submit my abstract for the 2020 NICHE conference?**

The call for abstracts are open Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST.

### **When is the 2020 NICHE conference?**

April 27 – May 1, 2020

### **Where is the 2020 NICHE conference?**

New Orleans Marriott  
555 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

### **What is the submission fee?**

There is no fee for submitting an abstract. However, if your abstract is accepted, you are required to register for the conference by Sunday, October 13, 2019, to secure your presentation spot.

### **I am not a NICHE member, can I still submit an abstract?**

Yes.

### **Why doesn't my password work?**

All abstract submitters must create an account in order to submit an abstract. If you have an account and have forgotten your password, click the "Forgot your Password" link below the email address / password boxes on the login screen.

### **What is the difference between the primary presenting author and the co-authors?**

The 'primary presenting author' is the author who will organize the session and present at the conference. The primary presenting author acts as the point of contact if there are two authors presenting and is responsible for ensuring that both presenters register for the conference.

If an abstract is accepted and the primary presenting author is not able to attend and/or present, the first 'co-author' will assume responsibility for organizing the session and registering for the conference.

Please contact [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org) immediately about any changes to presenters or presenter roles for your session.

### **What are the registration requirements for presenting authors for the 2020 NICHE conference?**

Presenting authors must register and pay registration fees by Sunday, October 13, 2019 in order to confirm their session(s).

## 2020 NICHE Conference Registration Fees

Member Rates	Early Bird Registration 5/15 - 10/25 (11:59 PM EST)	Advance Registration 10/26 - 3/13 (11:59 PM EST)	Late Registration 3/14 - 4/17 (11:59 PM EST)
5 Days	\$750	\$850	\$950
Non-Member Rates	Early Bird Registration 5/15 - 10/25 (11:59 PM EST)	Advance Registration 10/26 - 3/13 (11:59 PM EST)	Late Registration 3/14 - 4/17 (11:59 PM EST)
5 Days	\$950	\$1050	\$1150

### What kind of presentation formats are available?

- **Podium:** Podium presentations feature completed research or quality improvement projects such as program evaluations, descriptions of clinical practice innovations, or other geriatric nursing initiatives. There may be up to two presenting authors per presentation. The session will close with a question and answer session.
  - AV included: laptop, projector, screen, microphones
  - Number of presenting authors: Maximum of (2) per presentation
  - Continuing Education contact hours offered: 1 – 1.5
- **Poster:** Poster presentations highlight completed research or quality improvement projects such as clinical-practice partnerships, education initiatives, or improving nursing unit efficiency. Posters may be printed as large as 7.5' W by 3.5' H, on laminated poster board or fabric. *Foam core is not accepted.* Presenters are responsible for printing, transporting, and displaying posters.
  - AV included: None
  - Number of presenting authors: Maximum of (2) per poster
  - Continuing Education contact hours offered: 2
- **Roundtable:** Roundtable presentations are informal presentations designed to share innovative geriatric care models, implementation of best practices, and promising practices with limited outcome data, but beneficial for discussion.
  - AV included: None
  - Number of presenting authors: Maximum of (2) per roundtable
  - Continuing Education contact hours offered: 1 – 1.5

## What topic areas are being considered for abstract submission?

You will be asked to select a specific topic category for your abstract. While your topic may cross categories, please choose the category that is the best match.

Category	Includes such topics as
Health and Well-being of Older Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aging in the community</li> <li>• Nursing management of chronic syndromes and diseases</li> <li>• Polypharmacy and medications</li> <li>• 3-D's: Delirium, Dementia, Depression</li> <li>• Caring for clients with chronic behavioral and mental health issues</li> <li>• Loneliness and isolation</li> <li>• Substance abuse</li> <li>• PTSD in older adults</li> <li>• Social deterrents of health</li> <li>• Multicultural aging</li> <li>• Health disparities</li> <li>• LGBTQ-older adults</li> </ul>
NICHE Program Development and Practice Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the Geriatric Resource Nurse (GRN)/Geriatric Patient Care Assistant (GPCA)/Geriatric Certified Nursing Assistant (GCNA) roles</li> <li>• The GRN as a peer mentor</li> <li>• The GRN as a clinical consultant</li> <li>• Clinical rounds with the GRN/GPCA/GCNA</li> <li>• Improving safety culture</li> <li>• GCNA/GPCA as a career ladder</li> <li>• Implementing practice change</li> <li>• The GRN/GCNA/GPCA as an advocate</li> <li>• The path to NICHE exemplar status</li> </ul>
Safety Across the Continuum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health literacy</li> <li>• Care transitions</li> <li>• Medication reconciliation</li> <li>• Patient teaching strategies</li> <li>• Care at home after hospitalization</li> <li>• Partnering with up- and down-stream referral sources to improve quality and safety</li> <li>• The GRN as nurse navigator</li> </ul>
Technology and Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistive devices (for the patient or nurse safety)</li> <li>• Telehealth innovation (inpatient and outpatient)</li> <li>• Innovative care delivery models (technology as the core)</li> <li>• Implementing NICHE protocols in the electronic medical record</li> <li>• Using web-based applications to engage patients in self-care</li> </ul>

### **Can I request a presentation date/time?**

No.

### **Am I automatically registered for the 2020 NICHE Conference by submitting an abstract?**

No. You must register for the conference separately, and by Sunday, October 13, 2019.

### **When is my session confirmed?**

Your session is only confirmed after the required number of presenting authors are registered.

### **Who should submit the abstract?**

Primary presenting author must submit the abstract.

### **What will I be asked during the abstract process?**

The following elements are needed to submit an abstract:

- Select a category
- Select presentation type(s) (podium, poster, and/or roundtable)
- Enter the abstract title (50-character limit)
- Problem or major focus: Provide a well-defined description that accurately describes your project. (100-character limit)
- Introduction: What was the problem that prompted this project? Include baseline data where available. (100-character limit)
- Methods: What assessment, changes in care, and changes in staffing were used to improve the problem? (100-character limit)
- Results: Did this work? If so, what worked? Why did it work? (100-character limit)
- Discussion: What does this do for your unit/organization? How can others use this in their organization? (100-character limit)
- Learning objectives: List 2-3 skills or knowledge the attendees will gain because of your session.
- Other: Describe funding sources or other outside support and collaboration, if applicable.
- Name, affiliation, job title, and contact details of primary presenting author
- Name, affiliation, job title, and contact details of co-author(s) (a selected abstract is allowed to have a maximum of two presenting authors)
- Indicate the professional status for all authors (e.g. highest degree, RN, credentials/certifications/honors)
- Indicate any conflicts of interest
- Confirm content release
- List educational planning table information

### **How can I get a copy of the abstract that I submitted?**

You can save a copy of your abstract directly from your browser when viewing the abstract. Simply click on the browser's "File" menu and select the "Print" option. Choose to print the abstract as an "Adobe PDF", and click "Ok". You can then choose to name and save your PDF. Once the abstract is established as a PDF document – you can then choose to print, email, or save as a soft copy.

## **Can I edit my proposal after it has been submitted?**

Yes. Abstracts can be edited up until the abstract submission deadline, Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST.

To edit your saved draft, log into the abstract submission portal and click on the "Edit" button. On the next screen, you can make the necessary edits. Please note: you MUST click "Submit" to save and complete your abstract.

## **I am a co-author on a session, what do I need to do?**

If you are a co-author and will be presenting at the conference with the primary presenting author you must register for the Conference by Sunday, October 13, 2019. The primary presenting author is responsible for ensuring that the presenting co-author (if applicable) registers for the conference on time at the posted presenter rates.

## **Can I withdraw my abstract after the submission deadline?**

Yes. To withdraw an abstract submission, please contact NICHE at [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org) and include "withdrawing my abstract" in the subject line.

## **If I am the primary presenting author on an abstract and am unable to attend the conference, what should I do?**

Substitutions for primary presenting authors may be made until January 31, 2020 by contacting [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org). The substitute must be an original author, must not be giving more than two presentations. S/he will be listed as the presenting author in the conference app. If there is no replacement, the primary presenting author must withdraw the abstract in writing by emailing [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org).

## **I am a presenting co-author and I cannot attend. What should I do?**

Please notify NICHE at [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org) of your withdrawal and copy your primary presenting author in your correspondence.

## **When will I be notified about my submission?**

You will receive an email regarding abstract status by Monday, September 30, 2019.

To ensure you receive all NICHE conference correspondence, add [conference@nicheprogram.org](mailto:conference@nicheprogram.org) and the following domains, to your email's "safe senders" list.

- [cvent.com](http://cvent.com)
- [cvent-planner.com](http://cvent-planner.com)
- [cventmail.com](http://cventmail.com)
- [cvtsv.com](http://cvtsv.com)
- [crowdcompassmail.com](http://crowdcompassmail.com)
- [crowdcompass.mailgun.org](http://crowdcompass.mailgun.org)
- [eur.crowdcompassmail.com](http://eur.crowdcompassmail.com)

## Important Dates for Abstract Submissions

May 15, 2019	Call for abstracts opens
July 21, 2019	Deadline to submit an abstract proposal
May 15, 2019	Conference registration opens
September 30, 2019	Abstract notifications sent
October 13, 2019	Presenter(s) confirmation deadline
April 27 – May 1, 2020	2020 NICHE conference

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