



2027 Public Health Nursing Summit: Call for Abstracts Guidelines

Preparing for What's Next: Engaging the Power of Public Health Nurses

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Abstracts for the 2027 Public Health Nursing Summit

The Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN) invites public health nurses, educators, leaders, students, researchers, and partners to submit abstracts for the 2027 Public Health Nursing Summit. The Summit will focus on emerging challenges, innovative solutions, and practical strategies that strengthen public health nursing practice and population health.

Abstracts should align with the Summit theme and one of the five abstract tracks. Proposals should offer clear, practical value to attendees and support peer learning through evidence-informed practice, innovation, leadership, collaboration, and community engagement.

About the 2027 Summit Theme

Public health is evolving rapidly, and public health nurses are uniquely positioned to lead the way forward. Preparing for What's Next: Engaging the Power of Public Health Nurses will bring together public health nurses, educators, leaders, students, and partners to explore emerging challenges, innovative solutions, and opportunities to strengthen population health.

Summit programming will examine the future-ready public health nursing workforce, leadership and systems change, innovation, evidence-based practice, health equity and community power, and preparedness for emerging health challenges. Special attention will be given to culturally responsive practice, authentic community engagement, and the essential role of public health nurses in advancing health equity.

Summit Goals and Learning Outcomes

The Summit provides an opportunity to learn from colleagues, share promising practices, build meaningful connections, and renew a collective commitment to the health of all communities. By the conclusion of the Summit, participants will be able to:

1. Identify emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the future of public health nursing practice.
2. Apply innovative, evidence-informed approaches, including technology, data, and new service-delivery models, to improve population health outcomes.
3. Demonstrate leadership and advocacy strategies that strengthen public health systems and elevate the influence of public health nurses.
4. Develop approaches to recruit, retain, support, and prepare a resilient, diverse, and future-ready public health nursing workforce.
5. Integrate health equity, community engagement, and culturally responsive practices into programs, policies, and partnerships.
6. Design collaborative strategies that mobilize the collective power of public health nurses and community partners to address emerging health challenges.

Who Should Submit an Abstract

- Public health nurses working in local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal agencies
- Public health nursing supervisors, managers, directors, and executives
- Chief public health nurses and state or territorial nursing directors
- Community health, school, home visiting, and population-health nurses
- Nurses working in rural, frontier, urban, and underserved communities
- Nursing faculty, academic leaders, researchers, and program administrators
- Undergraduate and graduate nursing students
- Anyone committed to strengthening public health nursing and improving the health and well-being of communities

What We Are Looking for in an Abstract

Strong submissions should clearly explain the issue or opportunity being addressed, the approach used, the relevance to public health nursing, and the practical lessons attendees can apply in their own settings.

Abstracts should align with the Summit theme, a designated track, and the selected presentation format.

- Timely, relevant content grounded in public health nursing practice, education, research, leadership, or community partnership
- Promising practices, innovations, evidence-informed approaches, lessons learned, and adaptable solutions
- Clear learning value for public health nurses and partners across diverse settings and communities
- Content that supports practical peer-to-peer learning and strengthens public health nursing capacity

Abstract Tracks

Track	Focus / Examples of Relevant Topics
1. Future-Ready Public Health Nursing Workforce	Recruitment, retention, education, workforce well-being, succession planning, and new models for professional development.
2. Leading Change and Strengthening Public Health Systems	Leadership, policy, advocacy, financing, partnerships, emergency readiness, and the evolving role of public health nurses.
3. Innovation, Technology, and Evidence-Based Practice	Artificial intelligence, informatics, telehealth, data analytics, emerging technologies, and evidence-based approaches to improving community health.
4. Advancing Health Access and Community Power	Social and structural determinants of health, community engagement, culturally responsive practice, rural and tribal health, and partnerships with communities disproportionately affected by inequity.
5. Preparing Communities for Emerging Health Challenges	Climate and planetary health, infectious disease threats, behavioral health, maternal and child health, aging populations, disaster response, and other emerging public health priorities.

Session Options for Abstract Submitters

APHN invites abstract submissions from individuals wishing to present one of the following session formats:

- **Learning Session:** 30- or 60-minute oral presentation. Designed for focused content delivery with opportunities for attendee learning and discussion.
- **PHNnovation Spotlight Roundtable:** 20-minute discussion within a roundtable session. Designed for practical, interactive peer-to-peer exchange rather than a formal lecture.
- **Poster Presentation:** Visual presentation of a project, practice, research, innovation, or other work relevant to the Summit theme and tracks.

PHNnovation Spotlight Roundtables

Innovations in Action: Public Health Nursing Solutions for What's Next

These highly interactive sessions will feature seven facilitated roundtables where participants exchange promising practices, lessons learned, and adaptable solutions. The goal is practical peer-to-peer learning rather than a formal presentation.

- Building a Stronger Workforce: PHN Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience
- Bridging Education and Practice: Academic-Practice Collaborations
- Protecting Communities: Immunization and Communicable Disease Innovations
- Advancing Prevention: Innovative Approaches to Chronic Disease
- Healthy Beginnings: Maternal and Child Health Innovations
- Supporting Healthy Aging: Public Health Nursing and Senior Health
- Preparing Leaders for What's Next: PHN Workforce and Leadership Development

Continuing Nursing Education Requirements

APHN will secure continuing nursing education (CNE) credits for the Summit. To support CNE requirements, each abstract must include 2-3 learning objectives, references, and a resume or CV for the primary presenter and any additional presenters.

Learning objectives should use measurable action verbs appropriate to the intended level of learning. The source conference materials reference ANCC's Revision of Bloom's Taxonomy as guidance for selecting verbs.

ANCC's Revision of Bloom's Taxonomy of Objectives:

Define	Translate	Interpret	Distinguish	Compose	Judge
Repeat	Restate	Apply	Analyze	Plan	Appraise
Record	Discuss	Employ	Differentiate	Propose	Evaluate
List	Describe	Use	Appraise	Design	Rate
Recall	Recognize	Demonstrate	Calculate	Formulate	Compare
Name	Explain	Dramatize	Experiment	Arrange	Value
Relate	Express	Practice	Test	Assemble	Revise
	Identify	Illustrate	Compare	Collect	Score
		Operate	Contrast	Construct	Select
		Schedule	Criticize	Create	Choose
			Diagram	Set up	Assess
			Inspect	Organize	Estimate
				Manage	Measure

Important Dates

Milestone	Date
Call for Abstracts Opens	October 7, 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	November 8, 2026
Acceptance Notifications	January 2027
Presenter Response Deadline	February 2027
Presentation/Poster Materials Deadline	April 2, 2027
2027 Public Health Nursing Summit	April 19-21, 2027

General Information: Abstract Submission

Abstracts must represent the work of the presenters listed and appropriately referenced.

All information should be reviewed prior to submission to ensure completeness. Abstract revisions are permitted at any time before the abstract submission deadline.

Abstracts may not be modified after the submission deadline. Presenters may make minor changes after an abstract is accepted until the invitation response deadline. NACCHO reserves right to edit session information after abstract acceptance to ensure information meets our standards and guidelines.

Before submitting an abstract, please make sure you and an alternative presenter are committed to attending the conference and giving the presentation if the abstract is accepted. All presenters are required to register for the conference and pay related fees. APHN does not provide travel allowances, honorariums, or reimbursements for attending the conference.

There are NO restrictions on the number of abstracts you may submit or on the number of submissions you may be selected to present.

Submitted abstracts who **DO NOT** follow guidelines will be ineligible for review.

Abstract Title and Description

Submit each individual abstract to appropriate track. Review the list of tracks carefully to determine which one might be appropriate for your subject area.

Duplicated abstracts will NOT be considered.

Submission with incomplete descriptions will not be selected.

Abstract Title

The title is not included in your abstract word count: however, titles should NOT exceed 15 words.

Title case should be used where the first word and all other major words (nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverb(s); some conjunctions are capitalized.

- Articles such as a, an, and, but, for, or and nor should be in lowercase
- Lowercase the part of a proper name that would be lowercased in text

DO NOT begin abstract titles with “The.”

DO NOT end title with a period.

Use a concise title that summarizes the content of the abstract.

DO NOT use abbreviations, unless they are widely accepted by the field (for example, HIV/AIDS is acceptable in place of Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Deficiency Syndrome).

Abstract Session Description

Abstracts descriptions for review are **limited to 500 words**, not including the title.

The use of “all caps” should be limited to acronyms generally accepted in the field and names of organizations. The full organization name should be used for first reference.

Session descriptions for publication are limited to **150 words**. This description will be used for the conference program. As such, the first sentence should be a hook that grabs the reader’s attention and entices them to come to the session. The description should only briefly reiterate the problem/issues being addressed and the solution. Also, make sure to use good grammar, proper sentence structure, transitions between sentences, and so on. Do not use incomplete sentences. Please do not use bullet points.

Writing Tips

- State the problem.
- Present the key findings and explicit how they address the problem.
- State the overall significance of the work being presented.
- Provide background as needed.
- Make your writing as clear and accessible as possible.
- Also make every effort to use good grammar, proper sentence structure, transition sentences.

Online Abstract System

Please follow all directions provided in the online abstract system (eshow) to ensure your abstract is entered correctly. The system will ask for details of person who is submitting the abstract. This person will not be on the website/app as part of the session listing. The submitter will be asked to identify the presenter(s) and moderators of your session. All presenters **MUST** be in attendance to be listed on the session on the interactive schedule. The maximum number of speakers is based on the type of session. Additionally, each session **MUST** provide their own moderator. *Please note: Student submissions will ONLY be considered for poster sessions.*

Submitters

A presenting speaker is defined as an individual person who will present during a conference session. Only the presenters (s) will be listed in the conference platform and mobile app.

The submitter is the person that completes the online abstract submission process. This person is usually involved with the abstract as a presenter or co-presenter.

The abstract submitter will receive formal communication regarding the APHN Planning Committee determination. Formal letters of invitation are sent to submitters by email from **APHN by January 2027**. Abstract submitters will receive formal communication regarding the APHN Planning Committee determination. Only the submitter should accept or decline an invitation.

If your abstract submission is approved, you will then be able to add additional presenters.

All in-person presenters can be added to the approved abstract. If people who are not presenting in person contributed to the study design, statistical analysis, or interpretation, they may be listed as non-presenting in your session materials but should not be included in the online abstract system.

It is the responsibility of the submitter to communicate with any co-presenters prior to the presentation. For the sessions, the lead presenter is responsible for coordinating the presentation with the moderator.

View and Edit Submission:

After completion of your submission, you will be asked to review your abstract before submitting. Please make sure that you review the abstract prior to hitting submit. Once your abstract is submitted you will **NOT** be able to go back and make changes.

Review and submit:

After you have completed all steps in the process and are ready to submit an abstract for consideration, please carefully proofread your abstract on the final step and confirm. If you exit the system without completing all steps, your abstract will be considered incomplete. You must receive a confirmation email for your abstract to be considered complete.

Invitation Response

Formal letters of invitation will be sent by email from APHN/eshow in January 2027. This email will come from the online abstract system (eshow). All submitters will receive a formal communication that informs them of the Planning Committee decision. All presenters are expected to register for the conference and pay related fees. The deadline for responding to the invitation to present will be in your official acceptance letter. Submitters that fail to respond by the deadline will have their presentation pulled from our programming. Submitters should respond to the invitation via the online speaker portal.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals of a presentation after invitation acceptance should be communicated via email to Abstracts@naccho.org.

Presenter Disclosure

Presenters must disclose to participants prior to speaking any significant financial interest or other relationships with manufactures of any commercial product(s) or provider(s) of any commercial services discussed in a session presentation and with any commercial supports of activity. This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to subject matter of the presentation topics. Having an interest or affiliation with a corporate organization does not prevent a speaker from making a presentation but the relation must be made known in advance to the audience.

General Information

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission and learning more about the innovation work being done across the Nursing community. Your contribution are vital to advancing our shared mission of building stronger, more resilient systems, and communities. Please ensure you review all requirements carefully, including sessions format guidelines, speaker limits, and participation expectations.

Questions

For more information or assistance with your abstract submission, please contact us at Abstracts@naccho.org

If you have any questions about the 2027 Public Health Nursing Summit, please contact us at opsmgr@phnurse.org