

## **CNSA Western Regional Conference, October 19-21, 2012**

**Vancouver, BC**

**Call for Abstracts:**

### **Scholarly Activities Showcase**

A highlight of the 2012 CNSA Western Regional Conference is the Scholarly Activities Showcase, which will be held on Friday evening, October 19, 2012.

The Scholarly Activities Showcase will provide an opportunity for nursing students of all backgrounds to share innovative projects, practices, and research with one another. Three hundred delegates are expected to attend this conference, the first of its kind to be held west of Edmonton.

Abstracts can be on any topic related to nursing/healthcare and can include clinical projects, research projects, scholarly publications, nursing initiatives, community health nursing projects, and artistic/multimedia reflections on nursing/health. Individual students and/or groups of students and faculty may submit an abstract. Students may present posters on their projects or may do oral presentations:

- **Poster Presentations:** Visual presentations of an innovative project, practice, or research. Posters will be on display during the Scholarly Activities Showcase and during conference activities. Presenters are expected to remain with their posters and present them during the Scholarly Activities Showcase and other designated poster viewing times.
- **Oral Presentations:** Oral reports on innovative projects, practices, or research to be presented during the Scholarly Activities Showcase. Presentations will be allotted approximately 30 minutes with 10-15 minutes for questions.

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Abstracts must be submitted via email to [langara@cnsa.ca](mailto:langara@cnsa.ca) by 5:00 pm (PST) on October 1, 2012. Decisions will be made by October 10, 2012. Primary presenters who do not receive notification by October 10, 2012 are asked to please contact [langara@cnsa.ca](mailto:langara@cnsa.ca).

To assist the reviewers, please save the abstract file as:  
CNSA\_WR\_2012\_titleofabstract\_nameofprimaryauthor.doc

Presenters are responsible for their own conference fees, travel, hotel, and other expenses.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

Please include the following information in your submission:

### 1. Abstract

- Title
- Background
- Purpose/focus
- Methods/implementation process
- Findings/implications for nursing practice
- Two learning objectives of your presentation

Please use APA style (e.g., Times New Roman 12-point font, 1-inch margins, etc.). Abstracts must not exceed 250 words.

### 2. Type of Presentation

- Poster or Oral
  - For oral presentations, please indicate whether you will need:
    - AV equipment
    - Internet access
    - Any other equipment (please specify)

### 3. Presenter Information

Please include all names, title/credentials, and institutional affiliations of all author(s). Please indicate which author(s) will be presenting at the conference.					
Name	Primary Author or Co-Author?	Title/Credentials	Institutional Affiliation	Presenting? (Y/N)	Contact Info (email, phone, fax)

## **Tips for Making Great Posters:**

### **1. APPEARANCE**

Make sure:

- Your poster attracts and holds the viewer's attention
- Your poster appears free of unnecessary details
- You use white space appropriately to avoid crowding
- Print is visible 4-5 ft away
- Your poster does not exceed 4ft x 8ft

### **2. CONTENT**

Make sure:

- Your poster is free of spelling/grammatical errors
- Content is logically organized
- Content is clearly written, easy to understand
- Problem/background and purpose/focus are clearly stated
- Target population to be affected clearly described
- Methods/Implementation process clearly described
- Implications/significance for nursing clearly described

## **Tips for Great Oral Presentations:**

- If using Powerpoint, keep slides simple and clear with only a few points per slide
- Plan your slides carefully for the length of time you are speaking – too many slides distract the audience
- Organize your talk thoughtfully – prepare a compelling introduction that draws in your audience
- Practice, practice, practice – but have back-up notes available that you can easily refer to if necessary during your presentation
- Pay attention to your body language (e.g., how you stand, your mannerisms) and your voice. Speak clearly, audibly, and at a comfortable pace
- Wrap up your presentation with a solid conclusion that leaves the audience with the take home message you intended