

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice

September 11-14, 2019
New Orleans, Louisiana

Abstract Submission Deadlines

30-minute research / EBP sessions: **11:59 p.m. (EST) March 8, 2019**

90-minute concurrent sessions: **11:59 p.m. (EST) March 8, 2019**

Poster sessions: **11:59 p.m. (EST) April 30, 2019**

International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice Learning Outcome

After attending the 2019 Conference on Forensic Science and Practice, participants will report increased knowledge about the current state of the science in forensic nursing, concepts impacting the future of forensic nursing, strategies to influence the future of forensic nursing and the global response to violence, the risks and benefits of technological advances as they relate to forensic nursing and issues of violence and incorporating evidence-based strategies into forensic nursing practice.

Call for Abstracts

Presentations by national forensic nursing experts, science from other disciplines with relevance in forensic nursing, national and international standards, cutting-edge forensic nursing research and evidence-based practice are the foundational elements of the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice Conference. This year's conference seeks to offer opportunities for nurses, researchers, nursing leaders, educators, law enforcement, policy makers, and all related professionals to share important knowledge and experiences that have implications in forensic nursing science.

Abstracts are invited for three categories: ***30-minute research and evidence-based practice sessions, 90-minute concurrent sessions and poster sessions.***

Submissions should be prepared for presentation in one of the tracks listed below, and can be:

- Theory (presenting practice or theoretical concepts as analysis or framework),

- Practice (presenting quality improvement projects, programmatic or practice projects, or case study), or
- Research to practice (original or duplicative research supporting forensic nursing principles combined with their application in forensic nursing practice as evidence-based practice projects). Both qualitative and quantitative research projects are encouraged.

Of particular interest are abstracts that will increase the use or application of scientific knowledge as a basis for forensic nursing practice. Research presentations and evidence-based practice projects focusing on methodological and/or development of technological aspects of research are invited. Research presentations that will be meaningful to nurses in practice, educators, and other researchers are encouraged. Clinical topics should support evidence-based practice in forensic nursing. ***You are also encouraged to assemble and submit panel presentations, whereby several people present on the same topic during a single concurrent session.***

- Abstracts will undergo peer review and initial scoring will be blinded; you may be asked to clarify points within your abstract by the abstract review committee.
- Please do not include any identifying author or institution information in the body of your abstract summary for purposes of a blind scoring process.

Research and Evidence-Based Practice 30-minute Sessions

Nursing research and evidence-based practice projects are essential components to developing the scientific base for forensic nursing. The International Association of Forensic nurses seeks to provide the forensic nursing community opportunities to disseminate the generation of new nursing knowledge and the application of nursing knowledge into practice to promote the growth and validation of forensic nursing science.

- Research uses a methodology (quantitative or qualitative) to develop new nursing knowledge based on scientific inquiry. A review of the literature is performed to identify gaps in nursing knowledge and research is used to develop new nursing knowledge. Research findings are used to identify the contribution made to nursing knowledge.
- Evidence-based practice (EBP) seeks and applies the best clinical evidence available, often from research, toward making patient-care decisions. The purpose of EBP is not to generate new knowledge but to validate current knowledge. EBP translates the best clinical evidence available into clinical practice. The dissemination of

completed Doctors of Nursing Practice projects is well-suited for these sessions.

90-minute Concurrent Sessions

90-minute sessions may address work being done in forensic nursing, anecdotal experiences, case review, and approaches to addressing the care of patients given unique situations, populations or circumstances. Quality and care improvement projects typically do not require extensive literature reviews and rigorous critical appraisal like research or EBP. Quality and care improvement initiatives that look at improving programs, services, competence of people in the SART, improving services for specific populations, using guidelines to improve practice, create opportunities to share successes in programs and are well-suited for 90-minute sessions.

Poster Sessions

Have you developed a new forensic nursing project or performed a quality improvement project with interesting outcomes? Do you have research in progress? Do you want to share your ideas with colleagues? A poster presentation is a great way to share your work! Poster sessions allow presenters to network with peers one-on-one, exchanging ideas and learning from one another outside the traditional conference sessions.

We also encourage students at all levels (BSN/MSN/DNP/PhD) to submit poster presentations. This is a great way to share your ideas, present early stage doctoral work, and get feedback from scholars and clinicians.

- Posters will be judged, prize(s) awarded, and be available for viewing throughout the conference. Authors will be asked to present their data before an audience at a dedicated session scheduled during the conference.
- We specifically encourage poster submissions from students, first-time presenters, and researchers whose work is not yet complete.

Tracks for Concurrent and Poster Sessions

Administrative & Leadership
Death Investigation
General Forensic & Legal
Intimate Partner Violence
Multidisciplinary
Pediatrics
Psychiatry & Corrections
SANE

Track Descriptions

Administrative & Leadership: Abstracts will contribute to the development of innovative or effective nursing leadership strategies to foster Forensic Nursing Programs in educational, clinical, and administrative settings. Abstracts which promote professional and leadership knowledge to improve practice for the forensic nurse clinician, manager, administrator, or entrepreneur should be submitted to this track.

Death Investigation: Appropriate abstracts would be those that contribute to the understanding of death investigation. Abstracts could be focused on evidence collection, the nursing needs of the decedent, family/witness survivors, and/or community/social needs as they pertain to death investigation systems, death investigation techniques, post-mortem assessment, and research.

General Forensic and Legal: Abstracts in this track will address general forensic nursing knowledge and the legal aspects of forensic nursing that apply across all specialties. Abstracts should apply to nursing practice, forensic nursing knowledge, expert and lay testimony, the criminal and civil justice system, consulting and marketing of forensic nursing services, and collaboration with other legal professionals to assist clinicians in delivering state-of-the-science forensic nursing care.

Intimate Partner Violence: Abstracts in this track should offer opportunities for forensic nurses to build on current knowledge and competence to improve the health care response to intimate partner violence. Authors will describe intimate partner violence prevention and intervention work as it pertains to their expertise, and discuss the roles nurses can play in responding to and ending intimate partner violence.

Multidisciplinary: Abstracts will focus on knowledge and expertise about cutting-edge topics of interest to multidisciplinary partners, including but not limited to nurses, researchers, educators, advocates and criminal justice professionals.

Pediatrics: Forensic nurses will build on current knowledge and competence to improve the forensic management and health care response to child maltreatment. Abstracts of work happening in an innovative program or a promising practice issue, concept, or strategy in forensic pediatric nursing are invited for this workshop track.

Psychiatry & Corrections: Abstracts in this track will highlight current issues in Forensic Psychiatric and Correctional nursing and the care of clients in these services. Abstracts should address practice and policy issues on

psycho-social, legal, physical and mental health matters that draw out the unique contribution of nurses to this field that are innovative, research- or practice-based.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE): Forensic nurses will build on current knowledge and competence to improve the forensic management and health care response to child, adolescent, and adult patients who present for care following sexual assault/abuse. Abstracts addressing innovations in service delivery, excellence in patient care, and new research findings as applied to clinical practice are suitable for this track.

Who Should Submit an Abstract?

Forensic Nurses and Students
Nurse Administrators
Nurse Researchers
Nurse Educators
Professionals in disciplines related to forensic nursing
Law enforcement
Corrections
Legal professionals
Program administrators

Only abstracts that conform to these guidelines will be accepted:

- Abstracts must be submitted via the online portal. [Click here](#) to submit.
- Submissions must be completed by the March 8, 2019 deadline for concurrent sessions or April 30, 2019 deadline for poster sessions.
- Abstracts must maintain a standard of excellence, including appropriate acknowledgement, citation of sources, and any IRB approval.
- Abstract revisions after the final date are not permitted. You will be able to make revisions until the final submission deadline using the username and password you create.
- Promotion or endorsement of commercial products is not allowed, as this conflicts with the ANCC commercial interest standard.
- Use of session audience for research or data collection must be declared in your abstract summary.

- An Educational Planning Table for each session and a Disclosure/Conflict of Interest statement for each presenter must be completed during online submission process.
- Abstracts submitted to other conferences may also be submitted for consideration for the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice Conference. (Presenters are responsible for adhering to the submission exclusivity/privacy guidelines of those conferences.)

Evaluation Criteria for Abstracts and Posters

- Quality and originality
- Potential significance to the development of forensic nursing theory, concepts, policy, and/or evidence-based clinical practice or education
- Relevance to contemporary issues and events in forensic nursing
- Clarity of communication of ideas

Abstract Withdrawal

If you wish to withdraw your abstract after submission, please do so in a timely manner so that IAFN may find a replacement abstract. To withdraw an abstract: log in to your Cadmium account and click on the abstract title you wish to withdraw; click on the abstract title again (in the gray box); scroll down to Abstract Status and change from Active to Withdrawn.

Statement of Liability

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Confirmation

All submitters will receive a confirmation of acceptance or non-acceptance by **mid-April 2019 for concurrent sessions and late-June 2019 for poster sessions**. Notifications will be sent to the **primary presenter** through email only.



Additional Information

Please be sure to provide the email address that you most frequently use as all correspondence will be conducted via email.

Travel & Registration Information

Presenters are responsible for providing their own hotel and travel accommodations for the Conference. All primary presenters and co-presenters are required to register their attendance for the Conference. All Conference meals provided by IAFN as well as access to all sessions and events, including keynotes and exhibits, are included in your registration fee. You can include the acceptance of your abstract on your CV or use it for promotional purposes related to your research.

Credit Hours

Presenters do not receive credit hours for presenting. Presenters cannot evaluate their own sessions to receive credit hours. Presenters who are registered for the conference may attend and evaluate other sessions to receive credit hours.

Questions?

Please contact erooney@ForensicNurses.org

All Abstracts must be submitted online. [Click here to submit.](#)