

If Florence Could See Us Now
Simulation, Technology and Innovation in Nursing Education 200 years later
Let Your Light Shine!

“How very little can be done under the spirit of fear.”

Florence Nightingale

The Call for Abstracts for ARCASN Annual Conference 2020 is now open

The Atlantic Region of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (ARCASN) is pleased to invite authors to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations to be delivered at the ARCASN Annual Conference 2020: *If Florence could see us now! Simulation, Technology and Innovation in Nursing Education 200 years later.* The ARCASN Annual Conference will be held in Halifax, NS, June 19th and 20th.

Please refer to the **Abstract Submission and Presentation Guidelines** (below) for full details regarding the submission process.

- Abstracts must be submitted via email to ARCASN2020@dal.ca with the subject line listed as “ARCASN2020 Abstract Submission”
- Authors of accepted abstracts **must** be registered at the ARCASN Annual Conference in order to present as either a poster presentation or an oral presentation (20 minutes, with 10 additional minutes for questions). Due to time constraints, the number of oral presentation space is limited. Successful submissions may be offered a poster presentation instead.
- Abstract submission deadline Nov 30th, 2019.

Abstract Submission and Presentation Guidelines

Abstract Eligibility

- Submitted abstracts can be reports of completed or in-progress research, quality improvement or evaluation projects and/or sharing of innovations in nursing education.
- Abstracts will be submitted under one of the following categories:
 - Simulation in Nursing Education (e.g. Scenario Development, Standardized Patients, Debriefing etc.)
 - Technology in Nursing Education (e.g. Tophat, SimIQ, Learning Platforms, Virtual Learning Platforms, Online Learning Social Media, YouTube, etc.)



- Innovations in Nursing Education (e.g. Active Learning Strategies, Collaboration across Universities, Interprofessional Education, Competency Based Education, Student Evaluation, Innovative student placements, Service Learning, etc.)
- Student Posters (e.g. Posters on any topic completed in your nursing program related to any of the above themes, thesis work, service learning and/or independent studies). Prize awarded for top undergraduate and graduate student posters.
- Abstracts for student poster category, can be submitted by students at any level of study.

Submission Formatting

- The formatting requirements for abstracts are included in the submission form.
- The university affiliation, degree program, and e-mail contact of the submitting author is required.
- The submitting author must select whether an oral or poster presentation is preferred.
- The submitting author must identify the appropriate conference category for their submission
- The abstract title must be *no more* than **120** characters in length.
- The abstract body must be *no more* than **2000** characters (approximately 250 words) in length.
- Abstracts may be submitted in English or French (please note, if accepted, the conference booklet will reflect the presentation in the French language. Translation services will not be available during the conference).
- Abstracts must follow the **structured format** which includes these **five** headings:
 - Background/Context
 - Purpose/Aim
 - Approach/Methods
 - Findings/Lessons Learned
 - Conclusions/Summary
- Abstract headings must be bolded and followed by a colon.
- **Three to five keywords** must be included in the abstract submission.
- A summary paragraph for the program booklet (up to 50 words) must be included in the abstract submission
- Submitted Abstracts will include 3 separate word documents:
 - Abstract with Authors and affiliations included
 - Abstract with no identifiers (remove authors and affiliations)
 - Short 50-word bio for all presenting authors
- Abstracts must be submitted by midnight Atlantic time Jan 31, 2020

Oral Presentation Guidelines

Twenty minutes will be allotted for each oral presentation with an additional ten minutes for questions from the audience.

To ensure compatibility with conference technology, please prepare any slideshows using Microsoft PowerPoint. Please be prepared to e-mail or transfer your presentation one week prior to the conference.

Poster Presentation Guidelines

All posters will be displayed throughout the conference. All presenters must be available to discuss their posters with the audience during their assigned presentation time.

Posters must be no larger than 24" (height) x 36" (width) (61cm x 91cm). Larger posters will not be able to be accommodated due to the dimensions of available space.

Student Poster Presentation Guidelines

All posters will be displayed throughout the conference. All presenters will discuss their posters with audience members and judges during their assigned poster session. Judges will be evaluating many presentations; therefore, presenters should expect to discuss their posters for no more than five minutes.

To accommodate all presentations, posters must be no larger than 24" (height) x 36" (width) (61cm x 91cm). Larger posters will not be able to be accommodated due to the dimensions of available space.