ICN NP/APN Network Conference
Abstract Submission Planning Guide

Conference Details
14th ICN NP/APN Network Conference
September 14–17, 2026
Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Welcome to the ICN NP/APN Network Conference Call for Abstracts!
The ICN NP/APN Network Conference is the premier international gathering for advanced practice nursing leaders, educators, researchers, and practitioners. This event fosters global collaboration and knowledge-sharing to advance the role of advanced practice nursing worldwide.
We invite abstracts that showcase innovation, evidence-based practice, policy advancements, and leadership strategies that contribute to the growth and impact of advanced practice nursing.
Selected abstracts will be featured in oral presentations and poster sessions at the conference.
The Abstract Submission Portal will open **June 16, 2025, at 12:01am CT/USA.** Abstracts must be non-commercial and submitted by **October 15, 2025, at 11:59pm CT/USA.**

Eligibility Criteria
- Abstracts must be submitted by nurses, healthcare professionals, educators, or researchers with expertise in advanced practice nursing.
- Submissions from individuals representing diverse perspectives, including interdisciplinary and international collaborations, are highly encouraged.
- Accepted presenters must register for the conference before February 2, 2026. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the program after this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.
- Accepted presenters must be available to present in person.
- Primary author must be a member of an ICN member organization. A person who is not a member of an ICN member organization may only submit as a co-author. To review ICN member organizations: https://www.icn.ch/membership/our-members

🌐 https://icn-npapn-2026.com

Key Abstract Elements

A strong abstract should include the following elements. Please note that while this structure provides a general guideline, flexibility is allowed—particularly for submissions presenting clinical practice overviews, quality improvement initiatives, or data-driven projects. Authors are encouraged to adapt the format as needed to best represent their work.

1. Problem & Purpose
- Clearly define the issue addressed and its relevance to advanced practice nursing.
- Explain the significance of the topic and the need for action.

2. Background & Evidence
- Provide context through data analysis, research findings, or literature reviews.
- Identify gaps or opportunities that led to the project or study.

3. Methods & Approach
- Describe the methodology or strategy implemented.
- Highlight innovative approaches, frameworks, or interventions.

4. Outcomes & Impact
- Present measurable results, including qualitative and/or quantitative outcomes.
- Discuss the implications for practice, education, leadership, or policy.

5. Innovation & Future Directions
- Outline novel aspects of the work.
- Suggest potential applications or next steps.

Abstract Submission Categories

When submitting your abstract, select one of the below categories that best aligns with your work:

1. Practice and Care Delivery
Transforming NP/APN Practice Models: Innovative Approaches to Care Delivery
- APN-led integrated primary and behavioral health models
- Rural and community-based outreach innovations
- Transition of care initiatives improving patient outcomes

- Telehealth and mobile health practices in global contexts
- APNs in disaster response, humanitarian care, and remote settings
- Multisector collaboration for complex patient populations

2. Education
Strengthening NP/APN Education: Advancing Curriculum and Training Structures
- Simulation, virtual reality, and tech-driven learning
- Interprofessional and intraprofessional education models
- Incorporating lived experience and Indigenous knowledge
- Strengthening the APN educator workforce
- Innovations in global APN curriculum design
- Enhancing clinical placements and mentorship structures

3. Health Policy and Advocacy
Advocacy in Action: Amplifying the Voice of NP/APNs for Equitable Healthcare
- Advocacy for health equity and social justice
- APNs influencing health legislation and policy development
- Global strategies to reduce health disparities
- Community advocacy programs led by APNs
- Policy reform for scope of practice expansion
- Addressing racism, discrimination, and inclusion in care delivery

4. Regulation
Regulatory Frameworks for NP/APN Practice: Navigating the Evolving Landscape
- Global perspectives on licensure and scope of practice
- Regulatory models for telehealth and digital practice
- AI and data ethics in APN clinical decision-making
- Credentialing and specialty certification innovations
- Cross-border collaboration for international regulation
- Regulation in crisis and emergency care contexts

5. Research
Evidence-Based Impact: NP/APN Research Shaping Patient Outcomes and Practice

- Clinical effectiveness of APN-led care models
- Health equity and population-focused APN research
- Global and collaborative APN research networks
- Implementation science and translational research
- AI, big data, and predictive analytics in APN research
- Evaluating APN impact in humanitarian or public health contexts

6. Leadership
NP/APN Leadership in Healthcare: Driving Change and Inspiring the Profession

- Leadership in systems transformation and policy
- Intergenerational leadership and succession planning
- Indigenous and culturally grounded leadership models
- Building high-performance teams and cultures of excellence
- APN leaders in global health and humanitarian missions
- Emerging leadership competencies for the future workforce

7. Student Engagement – NEW! Student Track for Podium and Poster Presentations!
Faculty/Student Dyads encouraged to submit!
Engaging the Next Generation: Fostering Student Involvement in Global NP/APN Practice

- Student-led global health initiatives and research
- Strategies to amplify diverse student voices
- Mentorship and leadership development for students
- Interprofessional student collaborations
- Enhancing student roles in community engagement
- Global student APN network building

8. Technology

Leveraging Digital Health: Building Literacy and Competency for Practice in the Digital Era

- APNs utilizing AI, robotics, and machine learning
- mHealth tools for patient engagement and monitoring
- Smart health systems and virtual care environments
- Ethical integration of technology in APN practice
- Augmented/virtual reality for education and simulation
- APNs shaping digital health policy and innovation

Presentation Formats

You may choose from the following presentation formats:

- **Podium Presentation** – 10-minute oral presentation.
- **Poster Presentation** – Visual display with an opportunity for discussion.
- **No Preference** – The review committee will determine the best format for your abstract.

Submission Guidelines

1. **Title** – Create a concise and engaging title (maximum 12 words).
2. **Abstract Body** – Limited to 2000 characters (with spaces) Research focused abstracts should include: Problem, Background, Methods, Outcomes, and Conclusion.
3. **Learning Objectives** – Include at least one clear and measurable learning objective.
4. **References** – Provide relevant references, using a consistent format.
5. **Presenter Information** – List all authors and affiliations. The primary presenter will be the main contact person. You may list up to two authors total: a primary author is required, and a co-author is optional.
6. **Speaker Expertise**— Briefly describe your experience as a speaker. If you are new to public speaking, that is completely acceptable—this conference values and encourages the participation of emerging presenters.

Submission Process

- Abstracts must be submitted through the **CVENT conference abstract submission portal**.
- Formatting: Plain text only (no tables or images).
- Deadline: **October 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM (CT/USA).**
- Notifications: Accepted abstracts will be announced before **January 15, 2026.**

Review & Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to advanced practice nursing and global impact.
- Innovation and originality.
- Scientific rigor and clarity.
- Measurable outcomes and significance.

Final Tips for a Strong Submission

- Write clearly and concisely, ensuring the abstract tells a compelling story.
- Use active voice and avoid jargon.
- Emphasize how your work advances the field of advanced practice nursing.
- Proofread carefully before submission.
- Use if artificial intelligence (AI) is acceptable for grammar, proofing, and spelling functions. Please do not use AI to generate your abstract entirely. Exercise sound judgement in the use of AI, knowing that you are the author of the content produced and responsible for its accuracy.

For any questions, please contact us at https://redcap.link/k02bos3w or scan this code:

We will respond promptly and look forward to your contributions!