

Educating in Turbulent Times: Innovation, Simulation & Technology Be the Change!

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new” -Socrates

The Call for Abstracts for ARCASN Annual Conference 2021 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 2021: *Educating in Turbulent Times: Innovation, Simulation & Technology*. The ARCASN Annual Conference will be held *virtually*, June 10th and 11th.

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

- Abstracts must be submitted via email to ARCASN2021@dal.ca with the subject line listed as “ARCASN2021 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 (15 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 March 19th, 2021.

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 March 19, 2021

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 will provide a 5-minute voice over for their poster to describe the contents. Posters can be presented as multiple individual PowerPoint slides with voice over to facilitate viewing. Total voice over must be no longer than 5 minutes in length.

Student Poster Presentation Guidelines

All posters will be displayed throughout the conference. All presenters will provide a 5-minute voice over for their poster to describe the contents. Posters can be presented as multiple individual PowerPoint slides with voice over to facilitate viewing. Total voice over must be no longer than 5 minutes in length. Student posters will be judged for a best student poster award.

