25ʰ Sigma SoCal Odyssey Conference*
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Year of the Nurse*: Honoring Nursing Excellence*
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ABSTRACT DEADLINE: June 30, 2021

You are invited to submit abstracts for the 25ᵗʰ SIGMA SOCAL ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2021. For this year, we are ONLY accepting abstracts for **PODIUM presentations.** These will supplement podium presentations accepted for the event canceled in 2020. We will base the poster session entirely on posters accepted for 2020.

PURPOSE
The purpose of this joint conference is to promote communication about nursing research, education, practice, and leadership, and to enhance research collaboration throughout nursing's scholarly community.

PROCEEDINGS
Proceedings are published electronically, and a link will be available for all in attendance. The proceedings will not be copyrighted. You may publish the paper or abstract elsewhere; we request, however, that you include the notation that the paper was presented at the 25ᵗʰ Sigma SoCal Odyssey Conference 2021.

ELIGIBILITY:
❑ Quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed methods research, or innovative evidence-based projects.
❑ Research must be completed by the time of submission to be eligible.
❑ Innovative projects must be implemented or completed..
❑ Symposia
❑ Eligible presenters are: members of Sigma chapters, faculty, current nursing students, or other interested nurse clinicians, researchers and scholars.

The first author of accepted presentations will be notified by September 8, 2021. If your abstract is accepted, you will need to respond to the invitation and register to attend the conference by September 15, 2021. Podium presenters must submit finalized PowerPoint presentations by November 22, 2021 to Jan Nick: **jnick@llu.edu**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Abstracts will be blind reviewed using the *requested* selection criteria below.

- **Quantitative Research** podium presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - ➢ Specific aims or objectives of the study;
  - ➢ Rationale or background for the study;
  - ➢ Research methodology including design, sample, procedure and instrument (reliability & validity);
  - ➢ Data analysis used;
  - ➢ Research findings or results;
  - ➢ Implications or significance of findings to nursing.

- **Qualitative Research** podium presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - ➢ Phenomenon of interest;
  - ➢ Description of methodology;
  - ➢ Description of participants;
  - ➢ Knowledge gained from study;
  - ➢ Implications or significance;
  - ➢ Recommendations for future studies.

- **Mixed Methods Research** podium presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - ➢ Aim or objective;
  - ➢ Rationale or background;
  - ➢ Research questions clearly stated and appropriate for mixed methodology;
  - ➢ Quantitative Sampling procedure;
  - ➢ Instruments;
  - ➢ Data Collection procedures;
  - ➢ Quantitative data analysis procedures;
  - ➢ Tradition clearly identified or easily inferred (Qualitative Data Collection);
  - ➢ Qualitative data analysis procedures consistent with the tradition;
  - ➢ Findings/Results;
  - ➢ Strength of the study enhanced with inclusion of both data types;
  - ➢ Implications or significance.

SELECTION CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- **Innovative Evidence-Based Projects** (problem analysis, case study, QI evaluation, systematic review, etc.) podium presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - ➢ Statement of the problem;
  - ➢ Method used to address the problem;
  - ➢ Description of any innovation and resulting change, if appropriate;
  - ➢ Implications and significance of the project findings for research, practice, leadership or education;
  - ➢ Recommendations or future problems/questions.

- **Symposium** podium presentation will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - ➢ Completion of research focused on research issues.
  - ➢ An overview of the symposium including title, two (2) to (3) key words, presenter information and a minimum of two (2) measurable outcomes of presentation which complete the sentence "The learner will be able to…..". The overview is limited to 300 words or less and each learner objective is limited to 25 words or less.
  - ➢ Ninety (90) minute presentation by a minimum of three different authors
  - ➢ Profile for each author including biographical information
  - ➢ Submission of three (3) abstracts with a common theme and selection criteria (Research listed above) in the required format.

ABSTRACT FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS

*Read carefully - only abstracts that conform to the Abstract Format will be accepted.

Submit a <u>one-page</u> **Word** document file which must fit one side of one 8/5" x 11" paper. The file should be named with the author's last name in upper case then first name and title of presentation in lower case (e.g. LASTNAME_Firstname Title of Presentation.doc)

Margins must be one inch on all sides and be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font. The body of the abstract must be single spaced with two (2) spaces between paragraphs. Left justify all paragraphs; <u>do not</u> indent to begin a paragraph. Left justify and **bold** all headings such as Objective, Background, Methodology, etc.

Center the TITLE in upper case regular type. Title must fit on <u>one line</u>. Double space and indicate Name of First Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Single space and indicate email address of first author in regular type, centered. Single space and indicate Name of Second Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Double space and begin body of abstract.   The following is an example:

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TITLE (in caps-- must fit <u>on ONE line</u>!)

Name of First Author, License, Degree
email address
Name of Second Author, License, Degree

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The body of the abstract should address all components of the **selection criteria** listed on page two. If the research or project was supported in full or part by a grant, cite the grant number and granting organization at the bottom of the abstract.

Submit a <u>second copy</u> of the abstract that includes the TITLE with no other identifying information, such as authors, funding information, etc. This copy will be submitted for blind peer review. The file should be named with the Title of the Presentation only.

Complete and submit separately the Abstract Information Form below.

<center>**Abstract Information Form**</center>

Title of Presentation (<u>conforms to one-line abstract format restriction</u>):

To check a box, double click on the box and on the Check Box Field Options mark Default value *checked* and then click on OK.

Presentation Format (<u>Be sure to indicate preference</u>)

Podium - Research or Projects must be completed by the date of submission to be accepted

Symposium

Which set of selection criteria do you wish to be used to evaluate the abstract?

Quantitative Research, include date research was completed: **_____**

Qualitative Research, include date research was completed: **_____**

Mixed Methodology, include date research was completed: **_____**

Innovative Project, include date project was evaluated: **_____**

Complete <u>all</u> sections below (first author responsible to notify all co-presenters):

First Author's Name **_____**
       First   Middle Initial Last   Credentials (e.g., PhD, RN)
Email:
Phone contact:
Sigma Theta Tau Chapter <u>or</u> School Affiliation:
<u>Do not</u> send your CV or resume.

Students: Please include the name of faculty member who reviewed your abstract:

Submission Deadline

Abstracts must arrive on or before **June 30, 2021.** The first author of accepted presentations and posters will be notified by September 8, 2021**.**

Submission of Abstracts:

Research Abstracts:
Submit the Abstract, Blinded Abstract and Abstract Information Form word documents. The abstract <u>file</u> must follow this format: LASTNAME_Firstname Title of Presentation.doc; the blinded abstract <u>file</u> should be submitted with only the Title of the Presentation.doc

Submit attachments to: rvbundy@gmail.com. Please contact Ruth Bundy @ rvbundy@gmail.com if you have questions related to research abstracts.

Innovative Evidence-Based Project Abstracts:
Submit the Abstract, Blinded Abstract and Abstract Information Form word documents. The abstract <u>file</u> must follow this format: LASTNAME_Firstname Title of Presentation.doc; the blinded abstract <u>file</u> must be submitted with only the Title of the Presentation.doc.

Submit attachments to: kathy.hinoki1@gmail.com.Contact Kathy Hinoki @kathy.hinoki1@gmail.com. if you have any questions related to Innovative Evidence-Based Projects abstracts.

Important Note: Please contact Ruth Bundy (Research) or Kathy Hinoki (Innovative) if you do not receive a *confirmation email of receipt of your application* as there may have been a problem with transmission.