

ARKANSAS NURSES ASSOCIATION
2010 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS and POSTERS

General Information:

The 2010 Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) Convention Planning Committee is pleased to announce a call for Presentation and Poster Abstracts for our 97th Annual Convention, October 22nd, 23rd at the Doubletree Hotel/ Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, AR.

We invite you to submit presentation or poster abstracts that will illustrate this year's theme, "Nurses Caring Today For a Healthier Tomorrow".

PURPOSE/INTENDED AUDIENCE:

The purpose of the convention is to help professional nurses gain an awareness of emerging practice innovations that will promote professional growth and advancement.

The program will help participants to:

- Enhance clinical knowledge and skills;
- Explore innovative approaches within various nursing roles;
- Investigate, synthesize, and apply nursing research to professional practice;
- Consider the developing workplace environments and technologies that will impact on future nursing practice;
- Develop a supportive network of peers.

The ARNA convention is primarily designed for professional nurses who work in any practice role or setting, including staff nurses, nurse managers/administrators, advanced practice nurses, community health nurses, educators, researchers, and entrepreneurs. Allied healthcare personnel will also benefit from the information presented.

PROVIDER ACCREDITATION:

The Arkansas Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

ARNA will award contact hours for attendance at the convention. One contact hour is 60 minutes of an organized learning activity.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PRESENTATION/POSTER ABSTRACTS:

Presentation and Poster abstracts must be submitted on the required forms and must be accompanied by an *ARNA Biographical Data Form* with a signed conflict of interest/off label statement for each presenter of every paper/poster. **ARNA will not accept incomplete submissions.** You may obtain the *ARNA Presentation/Poster Abstract Submission Form and the Biographical Data Form* on-line at www.arna.org (under convention information). You may also call the ARNA office for the forms or additional information (501-244-2363). Submit 1 copy via e-mail to arna@arna.org along with 1 hard copy via mail to the ARNA office. The abstract must include:

1. *Purpose Statement:*

Brief summary of presentation that includes the overall theme of the presentation and its relevance to nursing practice. **It is not the objectives.**

2. *Objectives:*

List objectives in operational/ behavioral terms. (no more than 3).

3. *Content Outline/Timeframe:*

List each topic area to be covered, and provide a description of the content to be presented in sufficient detail to determine consistency with objectives and appropriateness of time allotted. State the time frame for the topic area.

4. *Teaching Methods:*

Describe the teaching methods to be used.

Submit by June 18, 2010: the *Presentation/Poster Abstract Form and the signed Biographical Data Form* to the **ARNA office, 1123 University, Suite 1015, Little Rock, AR, 72204**, ATTN: ARNA Presentation and Poster Committee. Applicants will be notified of the **Committee's decision by August 20, 2010.**