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ABSTRACT GUIDEBOOK

ST. LOUIS UNION STATION
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JULY 28, 2026 - AUGUST 2, 2026

2026 CONFERENCE THEME

"Gateway to Health Equity: Advancing Innovation, Justice and Leadership in Nursing"

Welcome to the 54th NBNA Annual Institute And Conference
Call for Abstracts & Poster Submissions

We are delighted to announce the 54th NBNA Annual Institute and Conference a powerful celebration of more than five decades of excellence, leadership, and advocacy. Since our inaugural gathering in Cleveland, Ohio, in September 1971, NBNA has remained a steadfast voice for Black nurses nationwide. Fifty-four years later, we continue to advance health equity, empower our communities, and drive transformative change across the healthcare landscape.

Black nurses stand as pillars of the U.S. healthcare system, embodying the strength, skill, and compassion that define the nursing profession. NBNA members are visionary leaders, innovators, educators, researchers, advocates, and entrepreneurs each dedicated to advancing health equity, closing gaps in care, and empowering individuals and communities to live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

We invite you to submit an abstract for this distinguished event. Your participation helps strengthen the impact of Black nurses across the nation as they continue improving lives, shaping the future of healthcare, and advancing a healthier, more equitable world for all.

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ABSTRACT REVIEW

NBNA THEME: Gateway to Health Equity: Advancing Innovation, Justice and Leadership in Nursing

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:
- To examine how innovative nursing practices, equitable policies, and transformative leadership intersect to advance justice and promote health equity across diverse populations.
- To identify and share innovative, evidence-based strategies that strengthen communities by integrating research, nursing practice, and policy development advancing justice, leadership, and health equity for marginalized populations.
- To evaluate the impact of healthcare policies on community health and highlight the role of nursing leadership in advocating for innovative and just solutions that advance health equity for vulnerable populations.
- To identify innovative and collaborative approaches among researchers, policymakers, and nursing professionals that foster leadership, advance justice, and enhance community health by addressing systemic disparities.
- To illustrate how culturally competent nursing practices drive innovation, advance justice, and strengthen leadership in promoting health equity and improving access and outcomes in underserved communities.
- To highlight the impact of nursing leadership in driving policy and research initiatives that advance innovation, strengthen community health infrastructure, and promote justice and equity in healthcare.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The National Black Nurses Association invites the submission of abstracts for original programs, projects, or studies that have been created, developed, or implemented, addressing at least one objective from the areas listed below. Presentations should align with the theme of the conference.

ELIGIBILITY
- Abstract submissions are open to all individuals conducting research or projects relevant to the conference theme.
- The submission must enhance the professional, scientific, or technical skills of registered nurses beyond the level required for licensure.
- The submission must be relevant to the educational needs of nurses, individuals, families, and/or communities.
- Each presenter is allowed to submit only one abstract, for either an oral or a poster presentation.

WHO MAY SUBMIT?
- Academia (schools and universities)
- Advocacy/Public Interest
- Business/Commercial
- Corporate Wellness
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Government Health Agencies (Local, State, or Federal)
- Health Care Organizations
- Hospital/Clinic, Managed Care Organizations
- Non-Profit Groups.

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ORAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Deadline for Abstract Submission: **February 13, 2026**
- Submissions must be made electronically through the Oxford Abstracts portal by <u>clicking here</u>.
- The abstract must be submitted in the following format:
    - Title: Maximum of 20 words and do not use all CAPITAL LETTERS
    - Authors: List of authors with affiliations (include the presenting author)
    - Abstract Body: Maximum 300 words (include background, objectives, methods, results, and conclusion)
    - Keywords: List up to 5 relevant keywords
- A maximum of two (2) authors may be listed on a single abstract. One author must be designated as the primary author and will serve as the main point of contact for all communications related to the abstract. Please verify that the primary author's email address is correct. The primary author is responsible for communicating with other author(s) and ensuring compliance with copyright laws and deadlines.
- All fields must be completed for each author listed on the abstract, including demographics, biographical details, and disclosure of any financial interests that may present a conflict of interest, before the submission deadline. Failure to provide the required information or follow submission guidelines will result in the disqualification of your abstract from consideration.

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- Ensure all required fields are completed and upload both CVs and BIOs. The biographical sketch must not exceed 50 words.
- If you do not receive a confirmation of your submission within 24 hours, please check your spam or junk folders. If it is not there, contact the National office.
- If you are asked to revise your abstract, please make the necessary changes promptly and submit it as instructed.
- Abstracts will be assigned to sessions based on the availability of time and space.
- The source(s) of funding or support for the project, program, or document described in the abstract must be disclosed. All authors listed on the abstract are required to complete the Financial Disclosure Form.

REFERENCES

- Please provide two (2) to three (3) references for your abstract. Please review the Sample Abstract to review how the reference should be written. Click Here

For more information click here to review How to Write Abstracts/Objectives, Content Outline, and References.

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POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Posters should present new, original research or noteworthy projects that align with the conference theme. Authors who have submitted oral abstracts may also submit a poster.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Deadline for Poster Abstract Submission: **January 31, 2026**
- Submissions must be made electronically through the Oxford Abstracts portal by clicking here.
- Include the following sections: Title, Authors, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, References

POSTER PRESENTATION

- Posters will be displayed during the conference at The St. Louis Union Station Hotel. Authors will be assigned a specific time slot for poster presentations.
- Presenters should be present during their assigned time slot to engage with attendees about their work.
- Poster Format:
  - Size: [Dimensions - typically 36" x 48" or A0]
  - Orientation: Vertical or horizontal
- Font Size: Ensure that text is legible from a distance. Suggested font size: Title (72 pt), Headings (36 pt), Body Text (24 pt).
- Figures/Tables: Use high-resolution images and figures.
- Presenters are responsible for printing and bringing their posters to the conference. NBNA will provide display boards and push pins for mounting the posters.

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ABSTRACT REVIEW

All submissions will undergo a peer-review process. The review committee will evaluate abstracts based on originality, scientific merit, and relevance to the conference theme. Please ensure that your abstract is free of spelling and grammatical errors before submitting it. You will receive feedback and notification through the Oxford Abstract System.

REGISTRATION AND PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- All presenters must register for the conference to be included in the program.
- Presenters are expected to be present during their presentation or poster session and to engage with attendees.

SUBMISSION TIPS

- Be Clear and Concise: Abstracts and posters should convey key points clearly to a wide audience. Avoid jargon and overly technical language.
- Format Correctly: Adhere strictly to the word, page, and format limits. This helps the review process and ensures your submission is considered.
- Proofread: Review your abstract and poster for grammar, spelling, and formatting errors before submission.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the submission process, please contact us at:

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We eagerly await your contributions and believe together we can create a successful conference!

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