



The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses is pleased to announce the 2018 National Conference, which will be held April 16 – 19, 2018 in Reno, NV. The 2018 conference theme is “Soar to New Heights – Advancing a Culture of Worker Health.”

A range of preconference (3-, 6-, 12- or 15-hour) workshops and concurrent podium (90-minute) presentation formats are being accepted. We welcome abstracts for presentations from occupational health nurses and others in all occupational health nursing categories:

- Clinical Practice
- Disability Case Management
- Health Promotion/Wellness
- Chronic Condition Management and Coaching
- Management and Leadership
- Safety & Environmental (including regulations)
- Research/Evidence-based Practice
- Nursing Professional Development
- Global Occupational Health

Abstracts must:

- demonstrate a concise statement of significance of the topic;
- be applicable for the anticipated audience of **mid- or advanced levels of practice**;
- focus on **leading-edge** subjects of interest to those working in any occupational health setting, including manufacturing, hospital/healthcare, government/military, education, etc.;
- be appropriate for both the OHN and the APRN;
- offer sufficient detail to demonstrate the relevance of the topic for presentation; and
- pertain to occupational health nursing research, evidence/solution-based clinical practice, disability management, safety, health promotion, business/management and policy initiatives.

**Guidelines for Submission:** The online submission manager can be accessed by visiting [aaohn.org/2018submit](http://aaohn.org/2018submit). To submit a session, all session submitters must first register as a Non-Website Member. Once a Non-Website Member profile has been created, follow the prompts to submit your online abstract submission. If you have already submitted a proposal, you review your submissions or submit additional ones through the close of the submission window.

*Please note: all abstracts must be submitted online and completed per the online submission manager guidelines, including completion of all required forms.*

Please direct all questions to [jscott@aaohn.org](mailto:jscott@aaohn.org).

**Deadline:** The call for abstracts will close **June 30, 2017 at 11:59 pm CST**. Abstracts that do not adhere to the guidelines and/or are received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

**Selection Criteria:** Abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee and rated on the following criteria: Strength of Proposal (40%), Expertise of the Presenter (25%), Topic Relative to Educational Needs of AAOHN members (25%), and Marketability of Topic (10%). Abstracts that will score highest will be on topics that are

leading-edge, evidence-based, forward-looking and innovative, address mid- and advanced-levels of practice and are appealing to a large number of conference attendees. No abstract will be accepted that does not show clear and accurate interpretation of implications and recommendations for practice, education, research and/or policy for one or more of the occupational health nursing subspecialties.

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc's purpose is to provide evidence-based information with implications for occupational health nursing. Material presented at the national conference, available on the website, or provided in any printed materials must be evidence-based, of professional quality, and demonstrate an absence of proprietary or prejudicial/biased commentary. Anecdotal observations should be limited in their scope and not presented as proven fact. It is inappropriate to endorse or imply endorsement of any specific product or service. Presentations may be recorded.

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