



Seed Grant Page Narrative (Rev 2017)

What's the camp nursing research seed grant program? ACN offers the Camp Nursing Research Seed Grant Program to provide support for nurses and other camp researchers who wish to conduct research in the field of camp health. Summer camps, day camps, and year round camps offer an abundance of research opportunities. Do you have a desire to conduct research regarding health issues at camp? Let ACN help!

Why is camp nursing research important? As camp healthcare providers we are among the masters of improvisation, those creative with a Band-Aid and marker, those who tolerate extremes of heat and cold. Yet sometimes there is a question, a problem, or a new program that begs to be studied in some depth. This is camp nursing research. Through this research individuals utilize evidence (from the most current up-to-date literature) to guide their practice and make client care decisions. By using the best current evidence, healthcare providers can enrich their clinical experience and training.

How do I get started? ACN can assist you with ideas, how to access the data, and financial support to get started. You might be interested in tracking health center visits, camp relationships, or develop a deeper understanding of a phenomenon. You might want to utilize an existing research tool or develop a new one. What are the implications of the findings for camp health services? All these tasks converge to become a camp study. There are many, many clinical questions the camp healthcare provider is prepared to ask and answer. So you have got your idea and plan, and you need a little seed money to get you started? ACN's Research Seed Grant program may provide just that. To submit a proposal review the requirements and proposal guidelines provided below.

SEED GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- ACN's Research Seed Grants accepts submissions until funding for the program is exhausted.
- Awards are announced within six weeks of the submission date.
- To submit a request, the researcher must be a member of ACN; membership may be initiated at the time of grant submission.

- The Association has allocated a total of \$1,000 per year for research. Individual requests for up to \$500 will be considered. Up to 2 awards may be awarded annually.
- Monies may be used to purchase questionnaires, for postage or copying costs, for educational materials, for specific supplies or other expenses of research. They should not be used for costs of presenting research or travel unless it is needed for the study itself.
- Proposals should be sent electronically to acn@acn.org. The ACN Research committee, comprised of BSN, MSN and PhD prepared camp nurses and camp researchers, reviews proposals and make allocation decisions.
- A summary of the research project and outcomes will be submitted for publication in CompassPoint, ACN's quarterly newsletter, within six months of research completion. This does not preclude the individual from publishing in other peer-reviewed journals or presenting findings at conferences.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- The ACA research seed grant template must be used. Access the template at <http://www.acn.org/researchrefs/seedgrants>.
- The request should be submitted as a MS Word document.
- APA format must be used for the proposal (including the references). A good APA resource can be found at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01>.
- The proposal should not exceed 5 pages, single-spaced in 12-point font (Times New Roman).
- The proposal should include:
 - Title
 - Abstract (200 words)
 - Purpose (including clinical or research questions)
 - Background
 - Methods
 - Location and participants
 - Provision for human subjects protection
 - Budget
 - Biosketch (1 page max for each member of the research team)
- Author identifying information should be on the title page only.

- Questionnaires or surveys should be attached to the proposal submission but are not included in the 5-page limit.
- All research involving human subjects must be approved by either an IRB or Camp Leadership.
 - All human subjects including campers and camp staff must be protected from potential harm that may occur as a result of their participation in the study. Camp nurse researchers who are affiliated with a university or a hospital must obtain IRB approval.
 - Camp nurse researchers who do not have such an affiliation, the study must be reviewed for assuring human subjects protection by a panel of three persons, including the camp director and at least one nurse not affiliated with the project.
 - If the study uses children, the research should expose them to minimal risk, defined as "no more than minimal risk exists when the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort is no greater than those encountered in everyday life." In addition, questionnaires and surveys must consider sensitivity of any questions, privacy issues, and emotional distress in assessment of risk. Informed consent of parent and child may be needed. If necessary an informed consent document should be attached. Review of existing health center records or observations of public behaviors would not necessarily require consent. A form describing researcher protection of human subjects participating in the study (with applicable signatures) will be available from ACN's website and should be submitted by regular mail at the time of the proposal.
 - Learn more about Human Subjects Protection: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/>
- Completed proposals should be submitted electronically to acn@acn.org. (An email confirmation will be sent back to you.)

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the seed grant program and consultation regarding a research plan and its development should be addressed to acn@acn.org.