**Call for Abstracts and description**

**Abstract deadline is November 30, 2015**

The 1st Annual Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association Conference

April 15-16, 2016

***“Nurse Practitioners – The Natural Choice”***

Embassy Suites, Little Rock

**The ANPA Education Committee enthusiastically invites you to share your expertise and knowledge with your nurse practitioner colleagues at the First Annual ANPA Conference! We are accepting abstracts for 60-minute concurrent sessions. The** **abstract categories for presentation include updates in all specialties including, but not limited to, the following areas: cardiovascular care, chronic health disorders, pharmacology, primary, pediatric, geriatric, acute care updates, and psychiatry/mental health for primary care. The abstract review process will begin once your abstract has been submitted and is complete. Final selections will be based on the quality and clarity of the abstract and relevance to the contemporary nurse practitioner environment.**

**Submission deadline:**

Materials must be received electronically by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015** (late submissions will be reviewed at the discretion of the Abstract Review Committee). All applicants will receive e-mail acknowledgement of the application within 2 working days of receipt. Submissions should be formatted as specified in the Call for Abstracts and submitted to Carolin Hockersmith, APRN, Education Committee Chair at this email address: education@anpassociation.org

**Appropriate Content:**

* Completed research concerning all facets of NP practice
* Brief updates regarding clinical innovations and practice issues relevant to NP’s (to allow coverage within a 60-minute session)

**Submission format:**

Abstracts should be prepared using the following guidelines to be considered for presentation:

* File format: Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text Format (.rtf) format. Other formats may result in inability of the reviewers to read your document.
* Length: Length of the abstract is limited to a **single** 8×11 portrait sheet.
* Margins: Top/bottom at 0.5 inches, left/right at 1.25 inches (preferred but not required).
* Font: 12 point size. Times New Roman is the preferred font style.
* Title of presentation: Centered, all upper case letters at top of page. Title may not exceed a single line.
* Authors: For 1 or 2 authors, center name(s), organization(s), title(s), city and state below the abstract title. For 3 or more authors use 2 columns.
* Funding source: List the funding agency at the end of the abstract if presentation has been funded in full or part by a grant.
* References are not required or recommended for the abstract submission process.
* See sample abstract format below. Abstracts that do not adhere to this format will not be considered in the selection process.
* To be considered, submissions must also include the program description form, ANPA continuing education faculty biographical data form, and a continuing education faculty disclosure form.
* Please specify one of the following specific categories for your podium presentation: cardiovascular care, chronic health disorders, pharmacology, primary, pediatric, geriatric, acute care updates, and psychiatry/mental health for primary care. Other categories may be submitted for consideration. The Conference Committee will make the final decision on accepted presentation.

**Selection process**

The Abstract Review Committee will review, evaluate, and finalize selection and schedule of presentations based upon criteria for abstract selection. The Conference Committee will determine the schedule for presentations.

**Notifications**

Notification of acceptance will be communicated via e-mail no later than three weeks following the submission deadline date. Notification will be sent to the primary author of record only. It is the responsibility of the primary author to communicate with other presenters regarding the scheduled presentation.

**SESSION TYPES: Podium Presentation**

Since there will be one speaker/topic in each one-hour breakout session, a total of 60 minutes has been allotted for your session including 5 to 10 minutes for questions. Please adjust your presentation time to this format. Individual podium sessions will be based on an abstract submitted by one or more authors regarding a nursing education topic, including research and non-research based topics.

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