

Food Drive

The Nursing Research & EBP Council is sponsoring a food drive which will become part of the SWIC (Southwestern Illinois College) Student Nurse Association Thanksgiving Basket Program. Cash donations will be accepted in lieu of food.

Poster Presentations

Interested in submitting an abstract for a Poster Presentation at this year's conference?

If so, please use the following link to submit your abstract using the criteria indicated in the Microsoft Forms Link

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/s3rMKY9YcQ>

Location of Conference

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Morris University Center-Conference Rooms
6 Hairpin Drive, Edwardsville, IL. 62026

Parking is included in the registration fee. A map and parking information will be sent closer to event.



18th Annual Nursing Research Symposium

Friday, November 13, 2026

"Spark Curiosity"



Info

Purpose:

- To provide a forum for sharing research and evidence-based activities in the nursing community
- To enhance participants' knowledge of research and evidence-based therapies being used to improve patient outcomes.
- To provide tangible methods of implementing research and evidence-based findings in a variety of settings.

Contact Hours

- This activity has been submitted to VTL Center for Professional Development for approval to award contact hours. The VTL Center for Professional Development is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.
- Criteria for successful completion includes attending the entire session and turning in an evaluation form.
- For more information regarding contact hours, please e-mail JoAnne Sehr MSN, RN, CAPA at JoAnne.Sehr@bjc.org

Registration

Please register using [this Registration LINK!](#)
Note: you will need your license plate state and number to register)



Registration Fee: \$45

Registration Deadline: Thursday, November 5, 2026

- No day of event registration will be accepted, or refunds provided for non-attendance.
- Registration fee includes: full hot breakfast, soup/salad lunch buffet, beverages, and Nursing Contact Hours.

Agenda

0730-0820: Registration, Breakfast, Networking, Poster Review

0820-0830: Welcome & Housekeeping Items

0830-0930: Healthy Work Environments
Tom Ahrens PhD, RN, FAAN

0930-1030: "I'm Still a Nurse"
Marci Ebbers MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CCRN & Kristin Sollars MSN, RN, CCRN

1030-1100: Break, Snack, and Poster Review

1100-1145: Palliative Care
Jocelyn Wyms MSN-ED, RN, AGNP-C, OCN

1145-1230 System Ergonomics, Safe Patient Handling & Mobility
Laura Chadbourne BPS-HCM, CEAS III, CSPHA

1230-1330 Lunch & Poster Review

1330-1430 Internal Clinical Nurse Research Projects

Equity in Rotation to Critical Care Departments for Specialty Float Pool Nurses
Paige Kalmer MSN, RN, CCRN

Knowledge and Confidence of Insulin Pump and Continuous Glucose Monitoring in the Pre-procedural Setting
Christina Stiles MEd, RN, CDE, Rebecca Czerniejewski BSN, RN, Denise Burns BSN, RN, & Jen Mayer-Smith MSN, RN, CAPA

Implementation of Sepsis Alert Protocol in the Community Emergency Department Setting
Brooke Bowers MSN, RN

1430-1500: Poster Review Session

1500-1545: Delirium: Clinical Insights and Evidence Based Practices
Kristin Knobloch DNP, APRN-CNS, CCNS

1545-1600: Closing Remarks, Prize Giveaway, Evaluation, & Certificates