

Innovation & Technology in Healthcare

Call for Abstracts

March 9-11, 2012
Kitchener, ON

The Waterloo Interprofessional Healthscience Student Collaborative (WIHSC) and Conestoga College are proud to host the 8th Annual NaHSSA Conference from March 9th-11th, 2012 in Kitchener, ON.

The conference planning committee invites you to submit either a poster, or an abstract to be presented at the 8th Annual NaHSSA Conference. Submissions may be based on completed or ongoing research that represents examples of Innovation in interprofessional Education or practice initiatives in keeping with this year's theme.

Visit www.WIHSC.com or www.NaHSSA.ca for more information.

Registration opens online: December 2011.

Early bird price: \$95 before January 31, 2012.

\$120 standard registration.

This year's Conference is proudly brought to you by The National Health Science Student Association (NaHSSA), The Waterloo Interprofessional Healthscience Student Collaborative (WIHSC) and Conestoga College.



Abstract Content & Format Guide

All submissions should be sent in a word document, attached in an email and needs to contain the following information:

- **Author(s) information:**

- Presenter's name, professional designation, address, affiliation (university, hospital, etc.) and email address
- Principal author's name, professional designation, and affiliation (if different from presenter's contact)
- Names, professional designation, and affiliations of all other authors/presenters

- **Theme selection:**

- Invited abstracts should address one (or more) of the following theme areas: Innovation in Healthcare, Interprofessional Education or Collaboration, Hands-on approach to Interprofessional Learning, Technological advances in Healthcare, Sharing Best Practices

- **Abstract narrative:**

The purpose of the abstract is to define the precise subject of the poster to the audience; please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Title should be no more than 70 words.
- Abstract body should not exceed 350 words (abstracts over this limit will not be accepted for review and will not be returned for revision)
- All abstracts should include:
 - Purpose of the research study or focus of the practice innovation
 - Methodology (if applicable)
 - Results (if applicable)
 - Summary/Conclusions/Future Directions
 - Brief Synopsis of how this is pertinent to and/or contributes to interprofessional education/practice
- Abstracts can be submitted in either English or French.
- Font must be Times New Roman, size 12 point. All typing should be single-spaced.
- Tables, figures, literature references, and acknowledgements should not form any part of the abstract's content
- Acronyms may be used only after first defining the term (list term in full when first mentioned, followed by the acronym in parentheses)
- The interdisciplinary nature of the conference audience should be kept in mind when writing the abstract and sub-specialty jargon should be avoided.

Presentation Information & Guide

- **Presentation format:**
 - While authors are invited to indicate their preferred format, the NaHSSA Conference Planning Committee will allocate abstracts to one of the following presentation categories:
 1. *20 minute oral presentation/interactive workshop to occur March 10, 2012, at a set time-slot of either 1500 or 1520 TBC*
 2. *Poster submission for viewing and open discussion to occur March 10, 2012, at 1215-1300*
 - Posters will be on display for the entire duration of the break-out sessions on March 10, 2012 (1215-1630); Posters should not exceed 4 feet by 4 feet in size.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

- **Eligibility** - Abstract submissions are welcome from students, health care professionals, and faculty.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts each author may submit.
- **Abstract Review Process** – all abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Selection Committee and will be based upon the following criteria:
 1. Significance and application to Interprofessional Education or Collaborative practice research
 2. Relevance to the abstract/conference theme(s)
 3. Quality and originality
 4. Clarity of writing and presentation

General Rules and Information

Additional Requirements:

- Registration: All presenters are responsible for expenses incurred and **must** register for the 8th Annual NaHSSA Conference.
- Presenters whose abstracts are accepted must register by February 10th, 2012 to be included in the conference program.
- Copyright - By submitting your abstract(s), you are granting NaHSSA permission to list your name and abstract in our program materials.

Submission Deadlines & Notifications

- Please email your abstract submission(s) to **Lisa Heil, VP Student Affairs** vpstudentaffairs@nahssa.ca with subject heading “*NaHSSA Abstract Submission*”
- **Deadline for submissions: January 11th, 2012 at 1700 EST.**
 - You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.
- **Successful authors will be notified via email by January 19th, 2012.**

Questions or Concerns? Please email vpstudentaffairs@nahssa.ca