



2027 ISPN Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, August 31, 2026

Please develop abstract submissions around the conference theme and suggested content listed below.

“Psychiatric Nursing in a Changing World: Leading Through Crisis, Innovation, and Transformation ”

Please note: the Conference Committee will prioritize one abstract submission per primary presenter.

Suggested Content

The **International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN)** is offering an exciting program that addresses culture, innovation, and practice in psychiatric-mental health nursing.

This year's program will highlight timely and relevant work across psychiatric-mental health care, including clinical practice, education, research, leadership, policy, psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, technology, crisis response, workforce development, and interprofessional collaboration

Abstract Prioritization:

Presenters may submit more than one abstract; however, to ensure broad participation and a diversity of perspectives, the Conference Committee will prioritize acceptance of one oral abstract per primary presenter. Abstracts that closely align with the conference theme will be given priority during the review process. All submissions will undergo a double blinded peer review to support fairness and objectivity in the selection process.

Conference Goals:

- Explore the role of psychiatric-mental health nursing and interprofessional collaboration in responding to a changing healthcare environment.
- Share evidence-based practices, research, and

innovations that improve mental health outcomes across diverse populations and settings.

- Examine the impact of crisis, trauma, disaster response, workforce challenges, and global mental health needs on psychiatric-mental health care.
- Discuss emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, simulation, and digital tools that support education, practice, research, and patient care.
- Promote culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and equitable approaches to mental health care.
- Support leadership, advocacy, professional development, and personal well-being among psychiatric-mental health nurses and other behavioral health professionals.

Annual Conference Objectives:

At the end of this Conference, the participant should be able to:

- Identify strategies to integrate innovation, evidence-based practice, and interprofessional collaboration into psychiatric-mental health care.
- Describe current trends affecting psychiatric-mental health practice, education, research, leadership, and policy.
- Examine the use of artificial intelligence, simulation, digital health, or emerging technologies in mental health education, practice, or research.
- Evaluate leadership and policy strategies that address health equity, workforce development, access to care, and the needs of vulnerable populations.
- Discuss approaches to supporting clinician well-being, resilience, and professional sustainability in changing healthcare environments.
- Apply psychotherapy, psychopharmacology, integrative health, or evidence-based clinical strategies to improve individual and population mental health outcomes.

Types of Submissions

Abstracts will be reviewed under the following six (6) categories:

- Education and Teaching Pedagogy
- Evidence-Based Practice and Research
- Innovation, Artificial Intelligence, Simulation, and Technology
- Leadership, Policy, Workforce Development, and Advocacy
- Psychopharmacology and Integrative Health
- Psychotherapy and Therapeutic Modalities

Pharmacology Content:

Pharmacology contact hours are designed to enhance the learner's ability to prescribe and/or monitor patients on pharmacotherapy. It includes topics such as pharmacokinetics and clinical applications of drugs. Pharmacology contact hours must be supported by an activity's objective(s) and detailed content. Incidental mention of drugs or a pharmacological treatment does not qualify for pharmacology credit.

For all categories, you will be asked to indicate how many estimated minutes of your contact hours activity will focus on pharmacology, on a scale of 0-180 minutes. Minute Choices:

180 150 120 90 60 45 30 15 0

Presentation Content/Format

1. Oral Presentations:

Oral presentations should focus on a specific topic related to psychiatric-mental health care, behavioral health, education, research, clinical practice, administration, leadership, policy, or innovation. Preference will be given to presentations that demonstrate active participant engagement and clear relevance to the conference theme. Examples include:

- Research presentations that highlight outcomes, implications for practice, or culturally responsive approaches to care.
- Evidence-based practice presentations that use clinical examples, case-based learning, or practice improvement strategies.
- Education-focused presentations that address teaching methods, curriculum development, simulation, student learning, or professional development.
- Innovation and artificial intelligence presentations

that explore emerging technologies, digital tools, simulation, or new models of care.

- Psychopharmacology presentations that address medication-related issues, prescribing considerations, monitoring, safety, or treatment outcomes.
- Psychotherapy and therapeutic modality presentations that address clinical interventions, patient engagement, treatment models, or skill-based approaches.

2. Pre-Meeting Workshop (3 hours):

A meeting in which a group of people engages in intense discussion with facilitated activities and exercises on a particular subject. A workshop is generally more interactive, and participants have an opportunity to practice hands-on skill building. Preference will be given to abstracts that clearly meet the description above.

3. Poster Presentation:

It will be displayed visually on a large posterboard at the Annual Conference.

Poster presentations provide an opportunity to share research, clinical projects, educational innovations, quality improvement initiatives, student work, works in progress, and practice-based projects for one-to-one discussions. Posters should be visually organized and designed to promote discussion with conference attendees.

Included in the presentation:

- Space must be a prepared heading for the top of the poster that includes the title and authors with lettering at least 1.5 inches high.
- A copy of the abstract should be posted, as well.
- Illustrations and text should be readable from a distance of six feet. The poster should be displayed in an organized fashion so that it is self-explanatory.

Poster presentations will be sorted into seven categories:

- Education and Teaching Pedagogy
- Evidence-Based Practice and Research
- Innovation, Artificial Intelligence, Simulation, and Technology
- Leadership, Policy, Workforce Development, and Advocacy
- Psychopharmacology and Integrative Health
- Psychotherapy and Therapeutic Modalities
- Student

Method of Submission

ISPN uses an online submission process. The online abstract submission process is divided into four information areas:

- Information related to the lead author
- Information related to any co-authors
- Information related to the abstract, audience, and presentation preferences
- CE Speaker forms

All abstract submission field names with a red asterisk are required fields and must be completed. Once you start the abstract submission process you will need to finish. There is not a way to save and continue later.

The lead author must communicate all presentation information to any co-authors that will be presenting with them at the Annual Conference.

Abstract title (maximum 50 words) should **not** contain identifying information such as author, organization, or region.

Abstract content (maximum 350 words) should not contain identifying information such as author, institution, or region.

If there are changes that need to be made after submitting the abstract, the lead author can send an email to conferences@ispn-psych.org with those specific editing requests. Authors cannot access the online form after submission.

If you would like a copy of your submission, please print the summary page.

Your abstract is not submitted until you click “Submit” on the bottom of the summary page.

All abstract submission information is posted to a database for a **“blind review”** by the ISPN Annual Conference Abstract Review Committee.

Publications and Website Agreement:

You will be required to select whether or not you give permission for duplication of this abstract, along with any accompanying presentation handouts, for inclusion in the Annual Conference mobile app (WHOVA).

The abstracts will also be published on the ISPN website in a pdf version.

Biosketch:

At the time of the abstract submission, the lead author will be required to supply a short intro/bio for the moderator to read as an introduction to the lecture(s). If you have co-authors that are presenters, provide a short bio for each of them.

Conflict of Interest:

The lead author will be required to complete and upload the **Conflict of Interest form** at the time of the abstract submission.

The lead author must send the following link to all co-authors who must also complete the form: [2027 ISPN Co-Author Speaker Form](#).

Lead authors are responsible for sending their co-presenters a link to complete this required information.

All financial relationships with ineligible companies must be disclosed. An ineligible company is any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. (For specific examples of ineligible companies visit accme.org/standards).

If you have a relationship with a company, please note that you will be contacted to submit additional documentation for the continuing education provider.

Review Process

The Abstract Review Committee determines an overall score after conducting a blind review based on the following criteria:

- Significance and innovative content
- Learning objectives related to abstract content
- Relevance and timeliness of content to psychiatric nursing practice
- Overall quality and program balance

Notification

Decisions will be made in November and notification will be sent by email to the lead author. Lead authors may contact the ISPN Office if they have not received notification by **November 15, 2026**. To protect the integrity of the review process, ISPN cannot release status information to co-authors or other third parties.

Decisions made by the Conference Committee are final. Only the lead author will receive notification of abstract status.

Acceptance

In support of ISPN, all lead presenters and co-presenters are required to register for the Annual Conference and pay the appropriate fees.

Speaker Agreement

By returning the requested initial documents, speakers who are not submitting their papers for publication agree that presentation handouts will be available to be published in the Conference mobile app.

Those planning to submit their papers for publication should not include a slide of findings for publication in the Conference presentation handouts on the ISPN mobile app. The speaker should instead share the findings orally at the Conference and can include the following wording on the slide: "This paper is being submitted for publication and, therefore, written findings will be included in that medium."

Questions?

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