

## **Conference Purpose**

The purpose of the annual conference of ISPN is to provide high quality education to participants who are advance practice psychiatric-mental health nurses. Specifically, the conference offers participants the opportunity to present and hear about the latest research in the areas of psychiatric-mental health nursing in the specialty areas of adult/geropsychiatric; child/adolescent; consultation/liaison; and education/research.

## **Who Should Attend the ISPN Conference?**

- All professional nurses who practice, teach, conduct research or study in the specialty of psychiatric-mental health nursing.
- All professional nurses who by practice, advocacy or research, dedicate their time to assisting patients and families dealing with mental illness.

## **Conference Objectives**

- Describe current practice initiatives, including pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to treatment, that reflect state-of-the-art evidence-based clinical practice in psychiatric nursing, with populations across the lifespan and across the health-illness continuum.
- Present current research in psychiatric-mental health nursing.
- Discuss educational initiatives that address key issues or strategies for increasing the knowledge and skills of all nurses and nursing students relative to psychiatric-mental health nursing.
- Utilize the conference forum as a method for discussion of key issues in psychiatric-mental health nursing, health care policy, advocacy, global health, international collaboration, and mental health initiatives for people of all ages.
- Provide opportunities for professional development, networking, mentoring and collaboration.