

**20<sup>th</sup> Joint Southern California Chapters\***  
**SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL**  
**NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2015**  
*Population Health and Nursing's Role: Ethics, Leadership, and Global Action*  
**Ontario Doubletree Hotel**  
**222 N Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91764**  
**October 15-16, 2015**  
**ABSTRACT DEADLINE: May 15, 2015**

You are invited to submit abstracts for the 20<sup>th</sup> JOINT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STTI CHAPTERS NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE 2015. The official Call for Abstracts has been posted on Sigma Theta Tau International's website <http://www.nursingsociety.org> and <http://www.omicrondelta.net>.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this joint conference is to promote communication about nursing research, education, practice and leadership, and to enhance research collaboration throughout nursing's scholarly community.

**PROCEEDINGS**

Proceedings will be distributed at the conference for all in attendance. The proceedings will not be copyrighted. You may publish the paper or abstract elsewhere; we request, however, that you include the notation that the paper or poster was presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Southern California Chapters STTI Nursing Odyssey Conference 2015.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- ❑ Quantitative research, qualitative research, mixed methods research, or innovative evidence-based projects are eligible for podium or poster presentation.
- ❑ Research must be completed by the time of submission to be eligible for podium presentation.
- ❑ In-progress and completed research are eligible for poster presentation.
- ❑ Innovative projects must be implemented or completed to be considered for podium presentation.
- ❑ Innovative projects currently without reportable outcome evidence are eligible for poster presentation only.
- ❑ Symposia
- ❑ Eligible presenters are: members of STTI chapters, faculty, current nursing students, or other interested nurse clinicians, researchers and scholars.

**NOTIFICATION**

The first author of accepted presentations and posters will be notified by **July 17, 2015**. If your abstract is accepted, you will need to respond to the invitation by **August 7, 2015**, and register to attend the conference. Podium presenters must submit finalized PowerPoint presentations by **September 18, 2015** to Carolyn Davidson: [cmdavidson@llu.edu](mailto:cmdavidson@llu.edu).

**The conference is sponsored by the following Schools/STTI Chapters:**  
Azusa Pacific University/Iota Sigma; CSU Dominguez Hills/Xi Theta; CSU Los Angeles/Nu Mu; CSU Long Beach/Iota Eta; CSU San Bernardino/Rho Beta; Loma Linda University/Gamma Alpha; San Diego State University/Gamma Gamma; University of San Diego-Point Loma Nazarene University/Zeta Mu; University of California Los Angeles-CSU Northridge/Gamma Tau; University of Phoenix, Southern California Campus/Omicron Delta; CSU Fullerton/Upsilon Beta; Western University of Health Sciences/Phi Alpha; CSU San Marcos/Phi Theta; Mount St. Mary's/Phi Lambda; California Baptist University/Chi Mu.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Abstracts will be blind reviewed using the *requested* selection criteria below.

- **Quantitative Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Specific aims or objectives of the study
  - Rationale or background for the study
  - Research methodology including design, sample, and procedure
  - Instrument (reliability and validity) and data analysis used
  - Research findings or results
  - Implications or significance of findings to nursing
  
- **Qualitative Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Phenomenon of interest
  - Description of methodology
  - Description of participants
  - Knowledge gained from study
  - Implications or significance
  - Recommendations for future studies
  
- **Mixed Methods Research** podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Aim or objective
  - Rationale or background
  - Research questions clearly stated and appropriate for mixed methodology
  - Quantitative Sampling procedure
  - Instruments
  - Data Collection procedures
  - Quantitative data analysis procedures
  - Tradition clearly identified or easily inferred (Qualitative Data Collection)
  - Qualitative data analysis procedures consistent with the tradition;
  - Findings/Results
  - Strength of the study enhanced with inclusion of both data types
  - Implications or significance
  
- **Innovative Evidence-Based Projects** (problem analysis, case study, QI evaluation, systematic review, etc.) podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Statement of the problem
  - Method used to address the problem
  - Description of any innovation and resulting change, if appropriate
  - Implications and significance of the project findings for research, practice, leadership or education
  - Recommendations or future problems/questions

- **Symposium** podium presentation will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Completion of research focused on research issues or implementation of innovative project
  - Ninety (90) minute presentation by a minimum of three different authors
  - Profile for each author including biographical information
  - An overview of the symposium including title, two (2) to (3) key words, presenter information and a minimum of two (2) measurable outcomes of presentation which complete the sentence “The learner will be able to.....”. The overview is limited to 300 words or less and each learner objective is limited to 25 words or less.
  - Submission of three (3) abstracts with a common theme and selection criteria (Research or Innovative Projects listed above) in the required format.

### **ABSTRACT FORMAT**

The abstract should address the most relevant selection criteria listed above.

Abstract must be submitted in Word format. Abstract should have one inch margins on all sides and be typed in Times Roman or Courier font with type no smaller than 12 point font. The body of the abstract is single spaced with two (2) spaces between paragraphs. Left justify all paragraphs; do not indent to begin a paragraph.

The abstract can be no longer than one page.

**Headings:** If you like you may use headings such as Objective, Background, Methodology, etc. Left justify and bold all headings.

Indicate TITLE in regular type, Centered with Upper Case. Title must fit on one line. Double space and indicate Name of First Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Single space and indicate email address of first author in regular type, centered. Single space and indicate Name of Second Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Double space and begin body of abstract. The following is an example:

TITLE (in caps-- must fit on ONE line!)

Name of First Author, License, Degree  
email address

Name of Second Author, License, Degree

### **Body of Abstract**

If the research or project was supported in full or part by a grant, cite the grant number and granting organization at the bottom of the abstract.

Your abstract must be clean and error-free. **Only abstracts that conform to the Abstract Format requirements will be accepted.**

## Abstract Information Form

**Title of Presentation** (conforms to one-line abstract format restriction):

To check a box, double click on the box and on the Check Box Field Options mark Default value *checked* and then click on OK.

**Presentation Format** (Be sure to indicate preference)

- Podium - Research for podium presentations must be completed by the date of submission
- Poster
- Either Poster or Podium
- Symposium

**Which set of selection criteria do you wish to be used to evaluate the abstract?**

- Quantitative Research, include date research was completed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Qualitative Research, include date research was completed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mixed Methodology, include date research was completed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Innovative Project, include date project was evaluated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete all sections below (first author responsible to notify all co-presenters):**

**First Author's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First                  Middle Initial          Last                  Credentials (e.g., PhD, RN)

**Email:**

**Phone contact:**

**Sigma Theta Tau Chapter or School Affiliation:**

**Do not** send your CV or resume.

**Students: Please include the name of faculty member who reviewed your abstract:**

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## **Electronic Submission of Abstracts:**

### For the Research Session:

Submit the Abstract and Abstract Information Form as Microsoft Word attachments to: [slcarter@socal.rr.com](mailto:slcarter@socal.rr.com). Please contact Sandy Carter @ 714-458-4727 if you have questions related to research abstracts.

### For the Innovative Evidence-Based Project Session:

Submit the Abstract and Abstract Information Sheet as Microsoft Word attachments to: [khinoki@calstatela.edu](mailto:khinoki@calstatela.edu). Please contact Kathy Hinoki @ 323-343-4715 if you have any questions related to Innovative Evidence-Based Projects abstracts.

Important Note: Please contact Sandy Carter (Research) or Kathy Hinoki (Innovative Evidence-Based Projects) if you do not receive a *confirmation email of receipt of your application* as there may have been a problem with transmission.