



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION
OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

CAPHN

Student Nurse Workforce Development: Annual Student Development Conference

The United States healthcare system is in a transition to a system focused on prevention, community based services, and health promotion, the preparation of the healthcare workforce acquires a new urgency. Nursing student exposure and involvement in the care of populations is one means of increasing awareness of population health, and the roles and responsibilities of the Public Health Nurse (PHN). This exposure may result in the recruitment of new workforce members if coupled with the reporting out of student projects focused on the health promotion and illness prevention of selected aggregates.

The setting for the sharing of student projects has been at an annual conference. In the past 10 years the Connecticut Association of Public Health Nurses (CAPHN) has taken a leading role in the sponsoring of this conference. The Association would like to invite all universities to encourage students to share their projects by submitting a poster abstract. Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and 4 abstracts per university will be chosen to submit a poster for presentation at the conference.

The following criteria are an attempt to standardize student and university participation.

1. Announcement of conference dates will be posted on the CAPHN website each fall, PHN faculty at each 4-year university will receive a conference announcement of the conference date, location, and times.
2. Accompanying this announcement will be poster abstract criteria and submission information.

3. There will be a combination of poster presentations along with podium presentations. It is the responsibility of the university to choose and submit no more than 4 abstracts that closely adhere to the CAPHN programs objectives. The university will also be responsible to select **one** of those 4 posters for the podium presentation. The students chosen for the podium presentation will have 5-10 minutes to discuss their work.
4. Confirmation of submissions will be sent at least 4 weeks before the conference date.
5. Students and faculty must be onsite during the time of poster presentations.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should fit on one page and be in 12-point font, single-spaced, with 1" margins.

Organize the abstract as follows:

- Title in capital letters.
- Author names and affiliations –Advisor's name and/or Clinical Preceptor
- 1st author's email Advisor's email
- Background
- Community Assessment and Assessment Findings
- Purpose
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion/Conclusion/Implications

Poster Submission Guidelines

Accepted abstracts should be developed into posters using the attached poster template. Each poster should include the following information:

1. Background of the community issue
 - a. Community of Interest
2. Community Assessment and Assessment Findings
 - a. Epidemiology
 - b. Community Problem Risk Statement
3. Project Objectives
4. Cost for sustainability of project
5. Process and outcome of Project implementation
 - a. Copy or description of the project,
 - b. Significance of the project
 - c. Acceptability
6. Project Evaluation
 - a. Criteria for Evaluation
 - b. Innovativeness
 - c. Recommendations

7. Where to find additional information. This should include but is not restricted to:
 - a. a web site with additional information about the work
 - b. author/advisor contact information, including email addresses
 - c. citations for any papers, books, or other materials that provide additional information