



Call for Abstracts

2026 American Nurses Enterprise Research Symposium

Discovery to Impact: Advancing Research for a Healthier Future

Join your colleagues at the [2026 American Nurses Enterprise \(ANE\) Research Symposium](#) to explore how nurse-led research drives measurable impact on nurse, patient, and organizational outcomes; practice excellence; and innovation. This symposium highlights cutting-edge studies showcasing the power of nursing science to transform health systems. The full-day symposium will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, in Chicago, Illinois.

Nurses (RNs/APRNs), clinical nurse scientists, researchers, research fellows/residents, mentors, faculty, administrators, educators, and students are encouraged to [submit abstracts](#) by **Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT (noon)**. Abstracts should align with the 2026 theme ***Discovery to Impact: Advancing Research for a Healthier Future***. Submissions related to the focus areas listed below are encouraged, but other nursing research topics are welcome to be submitted.

2026 FOCUS AREAS

Leadership and Infrastructure for Nursing Research

- **Value of Nursing:** Demonstrating, measuring, and advocating for the value of nursing and nursing research (ROI)
- **Governance and Inclusion:** Shared governance, engagement, empowerment, and promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and belonging
- **Capacity Building:** Education, mentorship, and fellowship programs for nurse researchers
- **Role Delineation:** Responsibilities of nurse scientists and other researchers including leadership
- **Collaboration:** Academic-practice, PhD/DNP, interprofessional, and intraprofessional partnerships

Nursing Workforce Well-Being and Sustainability

- **Well-Being:** Improving and sustaining well-being; mitigating stress and burnout
- **Safety:** Workplace safety and violence prevention
- **Engagement:** Recruitment, retention, professional development, and job satisfaction
- **Talent Pipeline:** Education, certification, scope of practice, and career pathways
- **Compensation:** Staffing, pay equity, and reimbursement

New Models of Care and Research Innovations

- **Care Delivery Approaches:** Patient-, person-, and culturally centered care models; integration into broader healthcare systems and public health
- **Nurse-led Interventions:** Impact on patient, nurse, and organizational outcomes; efficiency; cost; or economic value



- **Technology Integration:** Nurses' role in implementing and applying artificial intelligence, virtual/augmented reality, and other technologies to improve care and coordination
- **Innovative Research Methods:** Use of artificial intelligence, machine learning; technology-enhanced research; mixed methods; and interdisciplinary/community-based approaches

ABSTRACT SCORING CRITERIA

- **Alignment with ANE Research Priorities:** Nurse Wellbeing, Practice Environments, Workforce Development, Scope of Practice/Enhanced Practice, Value of Nurses
- **Impactful for Nursing Research:** Significance of the findings or conclusions and their potential to make a meaningful contribution to nursing research
- **Methodology:** Robustness of the methodology, including sample size, theoretical framework, methods used, and the use of valid/reliable tools
- **New/Novel/Innovative:** Presents a new, novel, or innovative approach to nursing research or practice. Could include the use of advanced technology, artificial intelligence, or new research methods.
- **Clarity and Completeness:** Clearly written and all necessary information is included.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** **Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT (noon)**
- **Response/Decision Notification:** On or before Friday, April 3, 2026
- **ANE Research Symposium:** Wednesday, October 28, 2026, in Chicago, Illinois (in-person only)

PRESENTER REQUIREMENTS

Presenters will be notified of selection decisions by Friday, April 3, 2026. Those who accept an invitation to present are required to: register for the symposium; attend and present in-person; and cover all associated costs including registration, travel, and accommodations for the event. Virtual presentations are not permitted.

Presenters must provide a scholarly discussion based on the content in their accepted abstract, and in adherence with the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Accreditation Standards and the Standards and for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education accreditation requirements.

Presentations with commercial logos, product names, or pharmaceutical brand names are strictly prohibited. Studies about medical products or devices, especially those funded by organizations whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, reselling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients will undergo additional review and may not be approved for presentation ([click for details on what needs to be disclosed](#)). These guidelines help make sure presentations meet and keep the content fair and educational.



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Presentations cannot have any commercial logos or product names, and pharmaceuticals must be called by their generic names.

Abstract submission categories (select one):

1. **Research Study (podium or poster):** Abstract must represent research—creates new, generalizable knowledge from completed data collection and results. Any submissions for studies still in the data collection phase will be declined.
2. **Research Capacity (podium or poster):** Abstract does not need to be a research study but needs to present supporting data or evidence. Examples include sharing best practices, strategies, evaluations, and demonstrating ROI to build or sustain a practice-based research program.
3. **EBP or QI (poster only):** Abstract presents results from an evidence-based practice (EBP) or quality improvement (QI) project. Students doing a DNP capstone or other student projects are encouraged to submit under this category. EBP or QI projects are only eligible for a poster presentation.

*All abstracts must be submitted through the online platform by the deadline, **Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT (noon)**, and include the following information.*

- Presenter(s) name, credentials, title, organization, and contact details (limited to 2 presenters)
- Attestation from each presenter to attend the ANE Research Symposium
- Financial disclosure from each presenter
- Abstract category (Research Study, Research Capacity, or EBP or QI)
- Preferred presentation type (15-20 minute podium, poster, or either)
 - *EBP or QI Project* submissions will only be considered for a poster presentation.
- Primary Focus Area
- Primary ANE Research Priority Alignment
- Title of podium/poster presentation (20-word limit)
- Engaging description for marketing/audience including key learning objectives (50-word limit)
- Structured abstract
 1. Problem/Research Question (75-word limit)
 2. Objectives (75-word limit)
 3. Methodology (if not research, describe Process) (200-word limit)
 4. Results (Measurement of Outcomes/Benefits) (200-word limit)
 5. Implications for Nursing (150-word limit)

Submit Your Abstract

(Note: Applicants need to login to our online platform before you can submit an abstract.)

For questions about abstract submissions and event logistics, please contact ResearchSymposium@ana.org