



# NAHN 2026

## Abstract Submission Guide

**NAHN 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**  
**July 15 – 17, 2026 | Denver, CO**

**Submit Your Abstract:**

<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/865747e3-12d9-4e33-86b1-3f70253719f3>

**Deadline:**  
**February 21, 2026**

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# National Association of Hispanic Nurses 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDE

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) invites abstract submissions for the NAHN 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, to be held July 15-17, 2026, in Denver, CO. The theme of the 2026 conference is *Somos NAHN la fuerza de nuestra comunidad: Building the next 50 years of innovation, advocacy and commitment.*

Please read and make note of the important dates, requirements and information described in this Abstract Submission Guide. Contact the NAHN Headquarters staff if you have any questions.

### **About NAHN**

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses is devoted to safe, quality health care delivery to Hispanic communities and individuals. NAHN promotes the recruitment and retention of Hispanic students in nursing education programs and serves as a resource for and voice of our community. With more than 40 local chapters, NAHN is increasing the number of bilingual and bicultural nurses providing culturally sensitive nursing care to Hispanic consumers and communities.

### **About the Annual Conference**

The NAHN Annual Conference attracts nurses, physicians, nurse educators, researchers, clinicians, case managers, healthcare innovators, and students. Our event is the only nursing association meeting dedicated to exploring healthcare issues affecting the Hispanic population and proposing potential solutions.

### **Special Notes Regarding Health and Safety**

NAHN intends to hold a face-to-face event in Denver, CO and will ensure appropriate protocols are in place to protect the health and safety of attendees. We will communicate details of these protocols as we get closer to the event, knowing that state and federal guidance is evolving. Presenters are expected to attend and present in-person, if selected to do so.

### **Theme**

NAHN welcomes your innovation, knowledge, expertise, research, challenges and successes. Our theme is *Somos NAHN la fuerza de nuestra comunidad: Building the next 50 years of innovation, advocacy and commitment.*

Grounded in community, this year's theme represents an ongoing celebration of our identity and collective strength and a call to action to intentionally shape NAHN's future through innovation advocacy, and sustained engagement. Together, we will explore how these core values enhance professional growth, leadership development, and our collective capacity to advance health equity.

Attendees will engage in dynamic sessions designed to educate and empower current and emerging mentors and leaders, equipping Hispanic nurses with the clinical and professional skills necessary to champion nursing excellence, influence policy, and strengthen the communities we serve.

## Conference Learning Objectives

At the end of the conference, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify leadership competencies and advocacy strategies that strengthen the Hispanic/Latino nursing workforce.
2. Evaluate research strategies to improve health outcomes in Hispanic/Latino communities.
3. Recognize past, current, and future contributions and achievements of Hispanic nurses, highlighting their roles in advancing healthcare equity and transforming health through innovative strategies across nursing practice.
4. Summarize current evidence-based practices related to priority health concerns in Hispanic/Latino communities.
5. Discuss innovative educational strategies that expand the future Hispanic nursing workforce.

## Categories

Abstract submissions are welcomed by medical professionals and students. Abstracts will be categorized into one of the four tracks listed below:

- **Track 1:** Leadership & Professional Development
- **Track 2:** Clinical & Evidence-based Practice
- **Track 3:** Research
- **Track 4:** Education

## Important Information

- Once confirmed, all poster/podium presenters must register and pay for the conference.
- CVs are required for primary author or authors presenting at the podium or presenting their poster in-person
- Up to a maximum of 3 Co-Presenters per abstract submission.
- Up to a maximum of three abstract submissions per primary author will be permitted for consideration.
- Abstract podium submissions must align with the conference theme and categories.
- Abstract poster submissions should but are not required to align with the conference theme.
- Podium sessions will be 30-40 minutes (including Q&A) and will take place during concurrent sessions.
- Poster sessions take place during a 2-hour period during exhibit hall hours.
- Abstracts must be submitted via the submission portal. Email, mail or fax will not be considered.
- All information should be proofread for spelling and grammatical errors before submission.
- Did you receive any funding for this project? Please list the name of the organization.
- Are you submitting on behalf of a NAHN Committee or on behalf of receiving a NAHN scholarship?

## Dates to Remember

- **December 17, 2025** – Abstract submission opens
- **February 21, 2026** (11:59 pm PST) – Abstract submission deadline
- **April 1, 2026** – Dissemination of acceptance/declination notifications completed by this deadline.

## Deadlines

Abstracts must be submitted by 11:59 pm (U.S. Pacific Time) on February 21, 2026; please plan accordingly. Late abstracts will not be considered. Extensions and exceptions will not be granted. If you are in the process of submitting your abstract when the site closes, it will not be submitted nor considered.

## Notifications

Once an abstract is submitted, the only means of communication and notification of status will be sent via email. Only the corresponding author will be sent an email notification indicating the acceptance or rejection of an abstract via the email provided. It is incumbent on the corresponding author to notify all co-authors of the decision. Abstract results will be sent to the corresponding author via email notification by April 1, 2026.

## How to Submit

Individuals who plan to submit an abstract should sign on to the abstract system and create an account at least five business days prior to the deadline to avoid any technical difficulties. Before you begin your online submission, please gather required uploads (CV/resume, brief bio and photo) and have the information described in “key submission elements” ready. Give yourself sufficient time to complete the submission before the deadline.

Presenter CVs must document qualifications that demonstrate education and experience in the content area to be presented. CVs should be a chronological document showing educational background, speaking experience, awards, books, publications, or other applicable items. This document is required by some of the licensing commissions for continuing education credits (CEUs).

Review processes, criteria and scoring details are described in this document. Please review this information in advance to ensure your abstract has the best opportunity to be considered.

If you experience technical difficulties, please contact NAHN by email ([info@thehispanicnurses.org](mailto:info@thehispanicnurses.org)) or by phone (859.469.5800). Phones are monitored from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST; after-hours inquiries will be responded to within two business days.

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# Key Submission Elements

1. **Title of Presentation** (limited to 50 characters)
2. **Program Track Selection** – your abstract should align with one of the following tracks. Preference will be given to abstracts that also align with the conference theme.  
**Theme:** Somos NAHN la fuerza de nuestra comunidad: *Building the next 50 years of innovation, advocacy and commitment*  
Be prepared to show whether methods are qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods. **Only completed projects will be considered for podium presentations.** Works in progress, preliminary results, methodology issues, and pilot studies will be considered for poster presentations.
  - **Track 1 Leadership & Professional Development**  
Leadership and professional development focuses on building skills, knowledge, and qualities to effectively lead, inspire others, and advance in one's career. It combines enhancing leadership abilities like decision-making and team motivation with professional growth through skill-building, training, and mentorship.
  - **Track 2 Clinical & Evidence-based Practice**  
Reviewers are looking for evidence-based practices; case studies, or clinical issues with underserved populations; QI projects; nursing interventions in practice settings.
  - **Track 3 Research**  
Reviewers are seeking abstracts that focus on nursing research and scholarly inquiry, including research design, methodology, data analysis, and dissemination of findings. Submissions may highlight original research, quality improvement projects, evidence-based practice initiatives, and studies that contribute to advancing nursing science, education, clinical practice, or health outcomes.
  - **Track 4 Education**  
Reviewers are looking for nursing education projects focused on: nursing workforce development, new models of care, interventions for clients, students, faculty; healthcare providers and/or the public; teaching tools/strategies, resources, skills, and curriculum development.
3. **Presentation Format**
  - Podium – Concurrent session – 30-40 minutes (including Q&A)
  - Poster – 2-hour long presentation during the exhibit hall hours.
  - Both (by choosing both, you are willing to present either a poster or podium presentation)

In the event an abstract is not selected for the presentation type requested, the author may be asked by the NAHN Education Committee to consider an alternate presentation type.
4. **Three Measurable Behavioral/Outcome Objectives**

Three measurable learning outcomes are required and must be formatted to conform to the S.M.A.R.T. criteria: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant and **T**imely.
5. **Authors of Abstract**

Please be prepared to enter the information below for each author.

  - Name and Credentials
  - Affiliation
  - Position/Title
6. **Abstract Submission** (limited to 500 words)

Abstract submissions are limited to 500 words and must follow the IMRD format:

  - Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Discussion
7. **Uploads: Biography, Curriculum Vitae and Photo for all Co-Presenters (up-to 3 co-presenters allowed)**

Submissions must include a CV/resume of primary author and their co-presenters and a brief bio (100 words or less). We also request a high-quality headshot photo. NAHN reserves the

right to edit bios.

## Review Process

Volunteers from NAHN will conduct a blind review of your abstract submission and make recommendations to the Education Committee for selection of podium and poster presentations. Selections will be based on the criteria below, using a combination of scoring criteria and qualified needs assessment:

- Originality of material
- Overall quality of content including innovative programs
- Relevance/timeliness to current issues
- Well-defined focus and objectives
- Practical applications of material
- Level of speaking experience and expertise
- Basic, Intermediate, Advanced level knowledge
- Hands-on learning for immediate application
- Free from commercial bias (no marketing is allowed in sessions)
- All components presented are neat and in the correct format
- Relevance to Conference theme and learning objectives

**Abstracts that do not follow the submission guidelines will not be considered.** NAHN reserves the right to disqualify any abstract if submission guidelines are not followed, even after acceptance, for the best interest of the program.

Criteria	4 Points	2 Points	0 Points
Advances the Hispanic nursing profession by addressing any component related to: 1: the impact of environmental changes, technological advances, and organizational/governmental policies 2: addressing healthcare inequities and disparities in patient outcomes 3: emphasizing self-care strategies for nurses in stressful and traumatic environments.	YES		NO
Introduction	Introduction identifies a consistent, realistic problem and gap in the literature	Introduction is not well written but provides the need for the presentation	Poor introduction; is not convincing of the gap or problem
Purpose	YES: purpose is clearly stated		NO: there is no purpose stated
Methods/Activities	Clearly states the method of the study or the process of the topic of presentation	Method is inferred and not clearly stated but understood	Does not identify the method or the process of the development of presentation
Results/Outcomes	Results presented in form of statistics or outcome data	Results are presented but not with evidence-based outcomes	No results are presented of the study or project

Discussion/Implications to Practice	<b>Includes</b> how the project advances the Hispanic Nursing Profession related to environmental changes, technological advances, and organizational/governmental policies; addressing healthcare inequities and disparities in patient outcomes; or emphasizing self-care strategies for nurses in stressful and traumatic environments	<b>Infers</b> how the project advances the Hispanic Nursing Profession related to environmental changes, technological advances, and organizational/governmental policies; addressing healthcare inequities and disparities in patient outcomes; or emphasizing self-care strategies for nurses in stressful and traumatic environments	<b>No mention</b> of how the project advances the Hispanic Nursing Profession related to environmental changes, technological advances, and organizational/governmental policies; addressing healthcare inequities and disparities in patient outcomes; or emphasizing self-care strategies for nurses in stressful and traumatic environments
Addresses or Related to Conference Theme:	YES	Tangentially Related	NO
Addresses or Related to Conference Learning Objectives	YES	Tangentially Related	NO
Grammar and Punctuation	No errors seen	Less than 5 errors	More than 5 errors

## Instructions on Acceptance

- Communication will be through email and directed to the submitting author. **Only the SUBMITTING AUTHOR will receive notifications. The corresponding author is responsible for notifying co-authors/co-presenters.**
- Presenters will have 15 days from notification to decline or accept the invitation to present at the conference.
- **Presenters agree to register and pay for the conference and assume all responsibility for arranging and funding their own transportation, lodging, and registration fees. There are no honorariums for speakers.**
- Presenters are encouraged to consider submitting their publications to NAHN's journal "Hispanic Health Care International."
- Presentations and any accompanying handouts must be submitted for advance review by the stated deadline.
- Poster presentations require that one of the authors listed in the abstract be available to stand next to the poster to present during the designated poster session.
- Presenters are asked to arrive at the conference the day prior to the presentation and must be present in the room early enough to ensure the final presentation is uploaded and displayed properly.

## Continuing Education Requirements

- All speakers/planners/authors must disclose to NAHN all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest to the provider.
- Relevant financial relationships are defined as financial relationships of any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.
- Should the speaker have an existing conflict of interest, it is required that each speaker resolves all conflicts of interest prior to the educational activity by submitting 2-3 citations referencing the best available evidence in support of the topic.
- **Upon notification of acceptance, all speakers will be required to disclose and resolve any relevant relationships with commercial interests.**

**Please Note:** To ensure educational quality and adherence to CE guidelines, pre-approval of session content, handouts and/or poster mockups are required by NAHN. A copy of your presentation and any accompanying handouts must be submitted for review by the stated deadline. In addition, any promotional or educational pieces associated with your educational activity (i.e., brochures, flyers, giveaways, etc.), must be submitted for advance approval by NAHN.

## Audio/Visual Requirements

- NAHN will provide audio/visual equipment as follows: one wired mic, single front-projection screen, and LCD projector. **Bring a backup of your presentation on a flash drive.** No other audio/visual equipment will be provided unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. Additional fees will be billed to the presenter for any deviations from AV as defined.
- PowerPoint or supplemental materials will be uploaded as handouts for download and review to NAHN's conference app.
- Speakers must arrive at the conference site for rehearsals and/or meeting rooms early enough to ensure their final presentations are uploaded to the computers and displayed properly with the AV equipment. This will help ensure an on-time presentation.