



## Student Poster Submission Guidelines

### 2025 - 2026 Student Poster Competition Deadlines

- **October 1, 2025** - Student Names are Due to the MNRS Executive Office and Student Abstract Submission Site Opens
  - **November 11, 2025** - Abstract Submission Deadline
  - **March 9, 2026** - Electronic Poster Upload Deadline
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1. Student names must first be provided by their school prior to submission. **The name submitted to MNRS should be the person who submits the abstract.**
  2. Students NOT selected to represent your school are encouraged to submit to the general call for competitive abstracts.
  3. All abstracts must be submitted through the [MNRS online submission site](#) no later than posted deadlines.
  4. These guidelines & deadline apply to abstract submissions only. Electronic posters will be due for upload in March 2026.
  5. First-author presenters must be current members of MNRS.
  6. An individual can be listed as the first author for a maximum of one (1) abstract. An individual may be listed as co-author for an unlimited number of presentations.
  7. The body of the abstract **may not exceed 250 words** and should **include background, methods, results, and conclusions**. Graphs, charts, or images are not permitted. [Click Here to Download a copy of the Submission Form](#). Additionally, [click here](#) for a submission form guide.
  8. The technical quality of your submission may influence a reviewer's scoring of your abstract, so please check for spelling and grammatical errors. MNRS does NOT edit abstracts.
  9. Short titles and standard abbreviations are recommended. The title should be specific in addressing the key concepts in the project.
  10. Avoid reference to institution names, locations, or funding sources in the body of the abstract.
  11. MNRS is giving presenters for the 2026 Annual Research Conference the opportunity to publish their abstracts as a supplement to the journal. Abstract publishing is optional for each author and will cost \$40 (in addition to the initial submission fee). Instructions on how to pay the fee will be provided with acceptance notification.
  12. To improve scoring consistency, reviewers are instructed to score any abstract section that is incomplete, missing, in progress or pending at the lowest score for that section rather than assigning a subjective score. Please keep this in mind during the selection of student poster competition representatives. Abstracts with results still pending or missing data at the time of submission are unlikely to be awarded a ribbon.
  13. Students compete for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention awards in each program category (BSN, Masters, DNP, PhD). Submissions are judged based on the abstract, electronic poster, and live poster presentation at the MNRS Annual Research Conference.

14. In the doctoral program competitions (DNP and PhD), literature reviews are not eligible to compete for 1st place.
15. The finalists with the top scores in the first two rounds of judging will be judged live at the poster session for the final round. Live judging will include a rating of the appearance of the poster including elements such as error free, readability, visual balance, aesthetics, etc., and the live presentation and Q & A with our judges.

### **Research Project**

Completed research and research in progress may be submitted. The 250-word abstract must include the title, headings, and the following key elements:

- **Purpose and Background/Significance:** State the purpose of the study and why it is important to nursing science, practice and/or patient care.
- **Theoretical/ conceptual framework:** Include conceptual and operational definitions.
- **Method:** Describe the study design, sample, instruments used, and data collection procedures (Include proposed data collection and analysis if project is not complete).
- **Results:** Discuss findings within the context of prior research, conceptual framework, and study limitations.
- **Conclusions:** Explain what the findings mean for the science of nursing.  
**Please note that graphs, charts, or images are not permitted.**

### **Evidence Based/Quality Improvement Project**

The 250-word abstract must include the title, headings, and the following key elements:

- **Nature and scope of the project:** (introduction, problem identification, significance, project objectives).
- **Synthesis and analysis of supporting literature:** Describe the evidence-based solution. How was it developed? Include the theoretical framework if applicable.
- **Project implementation:** Describe the implementation process and significant challenges encountered. Include plans for implementation if the project is not complete.
- **Evaluation criteria:** Provide details of your method for evaluating the success of the project. Include proposed evaluation criteria if the project is not complete.
- **Outcomes:** What were the outcomes of the project? How were the outcomes measured?
- **Recommendations:** Describe your recommendations for clinical practice and policy based on the outcomes of the evidence-based practice project.  
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### **Literature Review**

The 250-word abstract must include the title, headings, and the following key elements:

- **Problem:** Describe the health care issue the evidence review addresses. Provide support for the significance of the problem
- **Purpose:** State the objectives of this inquiry relative to the overall evidence-based literature review on this topic
- **Search Strategy:** identify databases searched, inclusion/exclusion criteria
- **Results of literature search:** Describe the search, number of studies included and level of evidence. Include a summary table of your evidence in the poster
- **Synthesis of Evidence:** Briefly describe the synthesis of the evidence that includes major trends and notable gaps
- **Implications for Practice:** Include your recommendations for practice, education, or future research based on the review and synthesis of the evidence  
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