

A Call for Abstracts: The North Carolina Allied Health Professions Diversity Conference:

“Closing the Gaps: Exploring Evidence-Based Practices to Enhance Health Professions Diversity.”

The North Carolina Alliance for Health Professions Diversity in collaboration with North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program and Winston-Salem State University School of Health Sciences will host its biannual Conference, March 23 – 24, 2017 at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center 1000 Club Road Greensboro, NC.

In keeping with the theme of this year’s conference, we are soliciting abstracts that will *showcase programs that have been successful in closing the gaps for students pursuing health careers*. We welcome abstracts that include evidence-based practices, models and strategies that have proven successful in recruiting and retaining students in health professions programs as well as maintaining a diverse workforce setting. **We are particularly interested in programs that have been rigorously evaluated and demonstrated success over time.**

Authors may submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations under one of the following categories: 1) Pre-College Programs to prepare students for college entry, 2) College Programs to improve retention and graduation, 3) Programs to recruit and retain a more diverse workforce in healthcare agencies, 4) Successful best practices, and 5) Research on topics relating to workforce diversity. Authors selected for oral presentations should prepare for a 10-15 minute presentation during the session. Authors selected for a poster presentation should prepare a standard poster size of 42 x 42 inches.

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracts should *not* exceed **300 words**. Include **Key Words** at the end of abstract.

Abstracts should clearly:

- Identify the targeted population
- State how the changes have increased health professions diversity and/or promoted health equity
- Identify any challenges that have been encountered and how they were overcome
- List authors and affiliation (include email/ contact information), Submission Type (oral/poster)

Research/Project/Abstract Title:

REQUIRED AREAS OF ABSTRACT INFORMATION

1. Introduction/Background
2. Methods/Program Description
3. Results/Outcomes
4. Conclusion

Student Poster Competition: To encourage scholarly engagement among students there is an opportunity to compete for a monetary award of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. Student poster topics are not required to be related to the conference theme. Topics are flexible and may be related to health equity and/or health diversity.

Presenters must give a 4 minute overview of their research leaving 6 minutes for questions and answers. Posters will be displayed during the conference.

Abstracts are due by Friday, January 20, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Please submit your abstract by clicking **NCAHPDC2017**.

For questions regarding abstract submission, please contact:

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*The conference proceedings will be published in the *Journal of Best Practices in Health Professions Diversity: Research, Education and Policy* (JBPHPD: Res, Educ and Policy).