The 7th Annual National Health Sciences Students’ Association Conference
March 11th-13th 2011

“Across Disciplines in a Cross-Cultural Environment”

Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in partnership with the University of Toronto is proud to host the 7th Annual Conference of the National Health Sciences Students’ Association (NaHSSA). The conference will occur from March 11th to 13th 2011 in Toronto, Ontario.

The conference planning committee invites you to submit an abstract to be presented at the 7th Annual NaHSSA Conference. Submissions may be based on completed or ongoing research projects representing examples of innovative interprofessional education and/or practice initiatives in keeping with the abstract themes.

To ensure consideration, ALL abstract submissions must contain the following information in a MS Word file format as an attachment via email:

1. Author(s) Information:
   • Presenter’s name, professional designation, address, affiliation (university, hospital, etc.), and email address
   • Principal author’s name, professional designation, and affiliation (if different from presenter’s contact)
   • Names, professional designation, and affiliations of all other authors/presenters

2. Theme Selection:
   • Invited abstracts should address one (or more) of the following theme areas:
     ➢ Cultural Diversity
     ➢ Marginalized Inner city Populations
     ➢ Communication and Barriers to Interprofessional Collaboration
     ➢ Innovations and Best Practices in Interprofessional Education/Practice

3. Presentation Format:
   • While authors are invited to indicate their preferred format, the NaHSSA Conference Planning Committee will allocate abstracts to one of the following presentation categories:
     ➢ **Concurrent Session (Oral Presentation/Interactive Workshop)**: a 20-minute oral presentation followed by a 10-minute question/discussion

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period or a 1-hour participatory workshop by the author(s). The concurrent sessions will occur on Saturday March 12th, 2011.

- **Poster:** A visual display. Author(s) or delegate(s) must be present. Posters will be displayed for the entire duration of the conference on Saturday March 12th, 2011. Designated poster session times will be included within the program and presenting authors will be required to stand by the poster during the assigned presentation time. Posters should not exceed 4 feet by 4 feet in size.

4. **Abstract Narrative:**
   - The purpose of the abstract is to define the precise subject of the poster to the audience; please adhere to the following guidelines:
     - Title should be no more than 70 words.
     - Abstract body should be no more than 350 words (abstracts over this limit will not be accepted for review and will not be returned for revision) and should include:
       - Purpose of the research study or focus of the practice innovation
       - Methodology (if applicable)
       - Results (if applicable)
       - Summary/Conclusions/Future Directions
       - Brief Synopsis of how this is pertinent to and/or contributes to interprofessional education/practice
     - Can be submitted in either English or French.
     - Font must be Times New Roman, size 12 point. All typing should be single-spaced.
     - Tables, figures, literature references, and acknowledgements should not form any part of the abstract’s content
     - Acronyms may be used only after first defining the term (list term in full when first mentioned, followed by the acronym in parentheses)
     - The interdisciplinary nature of the conference audience should be kept in mind when writing the abstract and sub-specialty jargon should be avoided.

Please email the abstract submission(s) to Tyler Law at nahssa.abstract@gmail.com with the subject heading NaHSSA Abstract Submission. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.

**Deadline for submissions is January 9th, 2011 at 11:59pm EST.**
Other Information

Number of Abstracts:
There is no limit to the number of abstracts each author may submit.

Eligibility:
We welcome abstract submissions from students, health care professionals, and faculty.

Abstract Review Process:
Abstracts will be reviewed by the NaHSSA Abstract Selection Committee and will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Significance and application to the interprofessional education or collaborative-practice research
2. Relevance to the abstract/conference theme(s)
3. Quality and originality
4. Clarity of writing and presentation

Successful authors will be notified via email by January 23rd, 2011.

Registration:
All presenters are responsible for expenses incurred and must register for the 7th Annual NaHSSA Conference. Presenters whose abstracts are accepted must register by February 20th, 2011 to be included in the conference program.

Copyright:
By submitting your abstract(s), you are granting NaHSSA permission to list your name and abstract in our program materials.

Questions or Concerns?
Please email Tyler Law at nahssa.abstract@gmail.com