



Omicron Delta Chapter
Nursing Honor Society



2026 Knowledge and Innovation Conference

University of Phoenix and Omicron Delta of Sigma

Presented virtually

September 26, 2026

Call for Abstracts Submission Opens March 26th

Submission Deadline June 19th

Please note that all conference sessions will be recorded.

These recordings will be made available for CE credits to our Omicron Delta members and students/faculty at the University of Phoenix.

"By registering, I acknowledge that the event will be recorded and that such recording may be used, in whole or in part, by the University of Phoenix, Omicron Delta, and Sigma Theta Tau International, as each may determine in its/their sole discretion."

You are invited to submit abstracts for the 2026 Knowledge and Innovation Conference!

PURPOSE

The purpose of this conference is to promote communication about innovative nursing projects, education, practice, leadership, and research and to enhance collaboration throughout nursing's scholarly community.

ELIGIBILITY

- Innovative projects and research must be completed by the time of submission to be eligible for a 15 minute podium presentation.
- In-progress innovative projects, research, and literature reviews are eligible for a 5 minute poster presentation only.
- Eligible presenters are: members of Sigma chapters, faculty, current nursing students, or other interested clinicians, researchers and scholars.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference will center around the following topics. Abstracts **do not have to** address these topics. They are provided for your information only.

- Healthy Workforce
- Advancing Future Nursing Practice
- Future Nursing Leadership
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Health Pedagogy and Technology
- Methodological Innovations
- Co-design with Patients
- Nursing and Political Involvement/Policy Writing
- Psychiatric Care
- New technology in Cardiovascular Medicine
- AI at the bedside or in Academia; Human Factors
- Case Management

IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 19, 2026** – The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:59 pm Eastern
- **July 15, 2026** – Notification of acceptance will be sent
- **July 31, 2026** – Acceptance deadline via email and registration of event
- **August 14, 2026** – The deadline to submit bio and photo for program book. Must also submit a CV or resume for CE purposes.
- **September 10, 2026** – Final Slides and recorded presentation due by 11:59 pm ET
Slides submitted must be in final draft. Edits will not be allowed after the submission deadline. Additional information about preparing slides and recorded presentations will be included with acceptance notification.
- **September 26, 2026** – Knowledge and Innovation conference.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

- Clinical, Programmatic, or Policy Intervention
- Literature Review
- Quality Initiative/Evidenced-Based Practice Scholarly Project
- Research

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Omicron Delta is providing continuing education credit for this conference. Omicron Delta is a preferred provider (CEP #16709) of the California Board of Registered Nursing. Regulations (CCR 1456 Continuing Education Courses) require the courses (4) Contain curriculum that includes the understanding of implicit bias pursuant to Section 2736.5 of the code, **unless the course is dedicated solely to research or other issues that do not include a direct patient care component.**

§ 1450. Definitions.

(h) “Implicit bias” means the attitudes or internalized stereotypes that affect our perceptions, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. Implicit bias often contributes to unequal treatment of people based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, and other characteristics.

(i) “Direct patient care” means the provision of health care services directly to individuals being treated for or suspected of having physical or mental illnesses. Direct patient care includes preventative care.

If your presentation will include a direct patient care component, be sure to address implicit bias in your presentation.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings are published electronically, and a link will be available for all in attendance. The proceedings will not be copyrighted. You may publish the paper or abstract elsewhere; we request, however, that you include the notation that the paper or poster was presented at the University of Phoenix and Omicron Delta 2025 Knowledge and Innovation Conference.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Abstracts will be blind reviewed using the *requested* selection criteria below:

INNOVATIVE ABSTRACTS:

Innovative Evidence-Based Projects (Clinical, Programmatic, or Policy Intervention, Literature Review, Quality Initiative/Evidenced-Based Practice Scholarly Project) podium,, and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:

- Statement of the problem;
- Method used to address the problem;
- Description of any innovation and resulting change, if appropriate;
- Examples of how implicit bias affects perceptions and treatment decisions and/or strategies to address how unintended biases in decision making may contribute to health disparities (if a direct patient care topic- see definitions above)
- Implications and significance of the project findings for research, practice, leadership or education;
- Recommendations or future problems/questions.

RESEARCH ABSTRACTS:

Quantitative Research podium and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:

- Specific aims or objectives of the study;
- Rationale or background for the study;
- Research methodology including design, sample, procedure and instrument (reliability & validity);
- Data analysis used;
- Research findings or results;
- Implications or significance of findings to nursing.

Qualitative Research podium, and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:

- Phenomenon of interest;
- Description of methodology;
- Description of participants;
- Knowledge gained from study;
- Implications or significance;
- Recommendations for future studies.

Mixed Methods Research podium, and poster presentations will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:

- Aim or objective;
- Rationale or background;
- Research questions clearly stated and appropriate for mixed methodology;
- Quantitative Sampling procedure;
- Instruments;
- Data Collection procedures;
- Quantitative data analysis procedures;
- Tradition clearly identified or easily inferred (Qualitative Data Collection);
- Qualitative data analysis procedures consistent with the tradition;
- Findings/Results;
- Strength of the study enhanced with inclusion of both data types;
- Implications or significance.

ABSTRACT FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS

*Read carefully - only abstracts that conform to the Abstract Format will be accepted.

You will be submitting two files/documents: One will be your official conference abstract. The second will be a blinded copy of your abstract. See below for specific details.

Submit **Word** document files which must fit one side of one 8/5" x 11" paper. The file should be named with the author's last name in upper case then first name and title of presentation in lower case (e.g. LASTNAME_Firstname Title of Presentation.doc)

Margins must be one inch on all sides and be typed in 12 point Times **New Roman** font. The body of the abstract must be single spaced with two (2) spaces between paragraphs. Left justify all paragraphs; do not indent to begin a paragraph. Left justify and **bold** all headings such as Objective, Background, Methodology, etc.

Center the TITLE in upper case regular type. Title must fit on one line. Double space and indicate Name of First Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Single space and indicate email address of first author in regular type, centered. Single space and indicate Name of Second Author, License, Degree in regular type, Centered with Upper and Lower case. Double space and begin body of abstract. The following is an example:

TITLE (in caps-- must fit on ONE line!)

Name of First Author, License, Degree
email address
Name of Second Author, License, Degree

The body of the abstract should address all components of the **selection criteria** listed above, depending on the type of abstract being submitted.

If the research or project was supported in full or part by a grant, cite the grant number and granting organization at the bottom of the abstract.

Submit a **second copy** of the abstract that includes the TITLE with ***no other identifying information***, such as authors, funding information, etc. This copy will be submitted for blind peer review. The file should be **named** with the Title of the Presentation only.

Submission of Abstracts (Word document only - do not submit in pdf form):

Click on this link to the [Abstract Submission Form](#). Complete the abstract information specified and attach your abstract and blinded abstract as instructed in the form. Respondents will be required to sign in to Google in order to upload files. If you don't already have a google account, you can create one by going to gmail.com.

The abstract file must follow this format: LASTNAME_Firstname Title of Presentation.doc; the blinded abstract file should be submitted with only the Title of the Presentation.doc

When you have completed the form and attachments, click on submit.

Important Note: Please contact marilyn@omicrondelta.net if you do not receive a *confirmation email of receipt of your application* as there may have been a problem with its transmission.

Submission questions: Any abstract submission questions should be directed to the following:

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