

Call for Abstract/Proposal for the 6th Annual Southeastern Social Work Conference

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE at THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

THEME: Social Work Practice as a Tool for Empowering Underserved Communities

The Planning Committee invites proposals for the 6th Annual Southeastern Social Work Conference in Pembroke, NC, March 6-7, 2025. This year's conference focuses on a continuum of social work practice interventions that makes Underserved communities stronger and confident in controlling their own lives. Abstracts may be submitted for presentation within the following content areas:

Navigating Social Worker Roles in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities:

Presenters may share experiences and outcomes of how social workers are working with ethnic and racial minority (e.g., Indigenous people, African Americans, and Latinx) families and communities to take control of their own narratives and further their personal and societal goals that align with their culture.

Ethnic Cultural Practices and Belief Systems as a Foundation of Social Work Practice:

Abstract may focus on how ethnic beliefs and customary practices (e.g., customs, spirituality, ancestral wisdom, storytelling, crafts, and folklores) can be used as social practice frameworks or integrated into social work interventions.

Adoption and Outcomes of Telehealth and Digital Health:

Presentations may highlight usage, adoption and outcomes of social service delivery technologies in Underserved communities.

Recruitment and Work Environment of Social Workers:

Abstracts may cover experiences and outcomes of strategies designed to recruit social workers and create supportive work environment and responsive social work practice in rural communities. Topics may include burnout mitigation strategies, mentoring opportunities, mental health support and coping strategies, etc.

Ethical Values, Human Rights, and Legislative and Policy Actions:

Abstracts may focus on ethical issues, human rights, advocacy, legislative initiative, and community development efforts aimed at illuminating the challenges face by Underserved communities and elevating the voices of community members.

Maternal and Child Health in Underserved Communities:

Presentations may cover the roles social workers play in protecting the health and wellbeing of mothers and children in Underserved communities. Topics may include breastfeeding, nutrition, mental health, mortality and morbidity, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), childhood obesity, contraception and family planning, healthcare access, and ethnic cultural practices and belief systems that impact maternal and child health and wellness.

Underserved defined: An Underserved community refers to a group of people or geographic area that faces barriers accessing basic needs (e.g., good and affordable housing, food, education, healthcare, clean water, internet access, job opportunities, electricity, employment and employability skills, etc.). Underserved communities or groups may include ethnic and racial minorities, rural communities, children, women, people impacted by substance use, seniors, individuals with disabilities, immigrants, people impacted by persistent poverty, people who are vulnerable to discrimination, etc. (Glossary Section: NFIP - National Flood Insurance Program, n.d.).

* Indicates required question

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Proposal Submission Guidelines and Timelines

Abstract

Requirements

Review the submission requirements below prior to developing and submitting your abstract.

Learning Outcomes: State two observable and measurable learning outcomes for conference attendees who attend your session.

Abstract Narrative: The abstract should offer a fairly detailed sense of the paper without exceeding 500 words. Abstract should include the background and purpose for the paper, research methodology, summary of results, conclusion and implication for social practice and policy in Underserved communities.

References: Provide a minimum of three appropriate references (APA style).

Abstract Selection

Criteria

Relevance: The abstract addresses social work practice empowerment issues important to Underserved communities and shows how the intervention empowers them.

Evidence and Practice Application: The abstract includes relevant evidence that support initiating similar practice interventions in similar communities and provides information to support how the intervention could be adopted.

Originality: The abstract offers innovative ideas and practices that stimulates thoughtful reflection on social practice interventions in Underserved communities.

Coherence: The abstract is focused and easy to follow.

Presentation

Format

Oral Paper Presentation: Abstracts may be submitted for a 30 minute oral presentation. Presentation may be grouped together based on a single theme and similar content within a 60-90-minute concurrent session. If presentations are grouped, a moderator will facilitate an extended period of open discussion following the presentations. During the

abstract submission process, authors should indicate their willingness to present an individual poster, if submission cannot be scheduled as an individual paper due meeting time and space limitations.

Poster Presentation: Poster allow presenters to discuss their work with conference attendees for 60-90 minute block of time. Posters are designed by the presenters and will be displayed during their designated block time for interaction with conference attendees.

Workshop: Workshops have specific learning objectives and are intended to offer training opportunities for conference attendees with hands-on instructions. Presenters are encouraged to submit workshop proposals on any topic, as long as the workshop's objectives will enable conference attendees to gain practice knowledge and skills that are important to social work practice in Underserved communities.

Important Dates

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE January 5, 2025 Abstract submission portal closes at 11:59 pm ET. (Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed).

NOTIFICATION SENT By January 12, 2025 (Notification emails will be sent to the primary presenter).

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & HOUSING By January 13, 2025 (Registration and Housing Opens; Registration Fee Discounts will be available for selected presenters)

CONFERENCE DATE: March 6-7, 2025, at Pembroke (UNC-Pembroke Campus)

PRESENTER ORIENTATION January 20, 2025 (Brief virtual orientations will be held in January to prepare accepted presenters for their specific presentation formats).

Presenter Information

Please provide the following information to help us better understand your background and qualifications.

2. Full Name and Credentials (if any) *

3. Are you a current student? *

If you are a current undergraduate or graduate student who wishes to submit a proposal, you will need to have a faculty co-sponsor your presentation. Before submitting your proposal, please confirm their availability and willingness to assist you in this capacity.

Check all that apply.

Yes

No

4. For students only - Name and email address of Faculty Co-Sponsor

5. Agency/Organization/Institution Affiliation *

6. What is your title or role at your agency, organization, or institution? *

7. What email address should we use to contact you after proposals have been reviewed? *

8. What is a good phone number to reach you?

9. Will there be any co-presenters joining you? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

10. If so, please list their names, titles, credentials, and affiliation(s).

11. Please share a brief biography (200 words max). If selected, your co-presenters may also be requested to share their biographies as well. *

Detailed Proposal Information

Provide detailed information about your presentation including a abstract, key objectives, and content areas.

12. What is the title of your presentation? If submitting a proposal for a poster presentation or workshop, you can share that here as well. *

13. Presentation Abstract *

Please provide a concise summary of your presentation in 250-300 words.

14. List three learning objectives that attendees will gain from your presentation. *

15. Select your preferred presentation format (choose one) *

Check all that apply.

- Oral Presentation or Poster Presentation (choose if you have no preference for presentation format)
- Oral Presentation Only
- Poster Presentation Only
- Workshop

16. Abstract falls within the following content area (select all applicable content areas): *

Check all that apply.

- Navigating Social Worker Roles in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities
- Ethnic Cultural Practices and Belief Systems as a Foundation of Social Work Practice
- Adoption and Outcomes of Telehealth and Digital Health
- Recruitment and Work Environment of Social Workers
- Ethical Values, Human Rights, and Legislative and Policy Actions
- Maternal and Child Health in Underserved Communities:

17. If you have relevant files related to your proposal that you would like us to review, please upload them here.

Files submitted:

Logistical Details

In this section, we would like to gather important logistical details to ensure a smooth and successful presentation at the conference. Your responses will assist us in planning and organizing the conference program effectively. If there are specific arrangements or accommodations you require, please let us know. Thank you for helping us make this conference a positive experience for everyone involved.

18. Availability and scheduling - do you have a preference on your presentation block? *

Please note, that we may not be able to honor all requests and this question will assist us in creating an agenda for the event.

Mark only one oval.

- I prefer a morning session.
- I prefer an afternoon session.
- I do not have a preference.

19. Are you willing to be considered as an alternate presenter? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Possibly (only if notified within a certain timeframe prior to the event)

20. Would you be willing to present in more than one breakout session block?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Possibly (only if notified within a certain timeframe prior to the event)

21. Please attest to the following regarding your availability to present: *

Mark only one oval.

I confirm that I am available to present on any of the conference dates: March 6th or 7th, 2025, and that I will notify the planning committee of any change no later than January 20, 2025.

22. Please attest to the following regarding the deadline for submitting your materials: *

Mark only one oval.

I confirm that I will submit my conference materials (the presentation or mock up of the poster) by February 16, 2025.

23. Will you need any of the following audiovisual equipment? (check all that apply)

Please note that each room will already contain a desktop computer/podium and a projector.

Check all that apply.

- Microphone
- A wireless presenter/"clicker".
- Printed materials/handouts
- Other: _____

24. Are there any specific accessibility needs or accommodations that should be considered for your presentation? If not, please respond with N/A or "none"

25. Do you grant permission for your presentation to be recorded and/or shared online after the conference?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

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