



PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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The *National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns* (NAMRC) is pleased to announce the 2024 National Training Conference, *“A Seat at the Table: Disability, Intersectionality and Social Justice.”* The program committee is currently inviting public, private rehabilitation and other counseling professionals, mental health professionals, administrators, educators, students, researchers, and consumers to submit proposals that align with this year’s broad theme. The committee particularly seeks proposals that offer opportunities for people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities from diverse backgrounds to confront oppressive systems of power and privilege. Proposals are strongly encouraged to offer “how to” sessions, and include the latest strategies, techniques, evidence-based and emerging practices that are relevant, innovative, and inclusive. As the rehabilitation counseling field and the counseling profession transform, we must ensure that multicultural issues remain a priority despite the ever-changing socio-political climate of the nation. You don’t want to miss this extraordinary opportunity to take a seat at the table with like-minded professionals who seek to build a connected community that fosters diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Continuing Education Credit

The National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC) is a Continuing Education Provider for the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC). An application will be submitted to CRCC as soon as the conference program is confirmed. See website for updates.

Winston-Salem State University Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, ACEP No.3039 is a co-sponsor of this program. This co-sponsorship has been approved by NBCC. This ACEP is responsible for this program, including the awarding of NBCC credit.

Accessibility

The National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC) actively works to ensure compliance with the American with Disabilities (ADA) Act. Powerpoint presentations should use a font that is at least 22 points; a light colored background with dark text is preferred; Use short sentences and/or bulleted phrases (about 4 lines of text/ 40 words per slide); The use of photographs, images, clip art, maps, and charts cannot be read by screen readers, therefore include verbal descriptions of all photos/images during your presentation. Please use the Accessibility Tool to ensure compliance.

Audio/Visual Equipment

Breakout rooms for concurrent sessions will have a screen, podium, microphones, and internet access at no cost to presenters. Any additional equipment (e.g., LCD Projector, computers, laptops, phones) will be encumbered at the presenter's expense.

Registration and Travel

All accepted presenters must register for the conference by May 15, 2024. Travel costs are the sole responsibility of presenters.

Presentation Formats

Concurrent sessions are 75 minutes and provide the opportunity for individuals to present a paper, project or other initiative. Concurrent sessions are designed to be interactive and produce identifiable outcomes. Concurrent sessions may be offered by single or multiple presenters or in panel formats.

Roundtables are among the most flexible format offered at a conference. Roundtables are 15 minute oral presentations with time at the end for discussion, so that attendees can rotate to at least four roundtables during the hour long session.

Tips for Presenters: (1) Do not use audio-visual aids; (2) Provide handouts illustrating presenter's work and contact information to encourage follow-up; (3) Use presenter's expertise and insight to help others understand the information ("Interpret; don't just report)," and (4) Offer a summary at the end.

Expected proposal topics for concurrent sessions and roundtables include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling Services to Specific Populations (e.g., individuals with physical, mental, behavior or neurodevelopmental conditions; military members; refugees; justice impacted individuals; self-injured individuals);
- Opiate Addiction & Chronic Pain
- Substance Use Disorder & Domestic Violence;
- Co-Mobility Among People of Color;
- Benefits Counseling (e.g., governmental monetary assistance, worker's compensation insurance, long-term disability insurance, veteran's benefits);
- Legislative Issues Impacting Individuals with Disabilities (e.g. WIOA, Voting Rights);
- Forensic Rehabilitation;
- Career Development ;
- Counselor Self Care;
- Wellness & Prevention;
- Avoiding Certification/Licensure Board Complaints & Violations;
- Therapy Apps & Professional Counseling Ethics;
- Ethical Consideration, Interventions & Approaches to Telehealth;
- Cultural Humility;
- Counselor Supervision;
- Models of Clinical Supervision;
- Use of Technology in Clinical Supervision;
- Use of Technology in Counselor Education;
- Impact of Climate Change on Mental Health;
- Objectivity vs. Bias in the Assessment & Diagnostic Process;
- Treatment Planning and Intervention Strategies in Marriage, Couple & Family Counseling;
- Private Practice & Management Issues, and
- Preparing for Retirement/End-of-Life

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please carefully read the following guidelines to submit a proposal for a concurrent session, symposium (panel), or roundtable. If you do not receive an email acknowledgement upon submission of your proposal, please contact Dr. L'Tanya Fish or Dr. Brenda Taft, at namrcconferenceproposal@gmail.com. Each applicant is responsible for verification that his/her proposal has been received.

Required Content

Proposals for concurrent sessions must include:

- **Proposal Title** - limited to 12 words, including punctuation marks and spaces. Proposal titles should be simple and factual;
- **Proposal Abstract**- limited to 150 words, maximum. An abstract is a brief, comprehensive summary of the contents of the article;
- **Presentation Description**- (Note: This will be used as a summary for the program book). Briefly describe how your presentation ties into the conference theme. (50 words or less);
- **Learning Objectives (minimum of three)**- Please focus on what attendees will be able to do after attending your presentation;
- **Multicultural Focus - ALL presentations must include** multicultural perspectives and promote diversity;
- **Short Biography of the Lead Presenter & Co-Presenters - (no more than 50 words each)**: In a brief paragraph, give the presenter's/ co-presenters's qualifications;
- **Contact Information for the Lead Presenter & Co-Presenter(s)** - Please list Name, Credentials, Email address, Primary mailing address, Current position, Employer, Daytime and evening telephone numbers, and
- **Accommodation Request(s)** – Please describe any accommodations you may require, (e.g. American Sign Language Interpreter).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR ETHICAL PRACTICES

The abstract must convey specific behavior that is related preferably to the CRCC Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors, the ACA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, and/or the NBCC Code of Ethics, and properly cited within the presentation by:

1. Referencing the Code of Ethics within the abstract, program description,
2. Providing a written statement outlining the way the codes will be used and what they will address, and
3. Providing a minimum of three (3) learning objectives; of which one (1) of the learning objectives must specifically reference the Code of Ethics.

Proposals for roundtable sessions must include:

- **Roundtable Title-** Limit your title to 12 words, including punctuation marks and spaces. Proposal titles should be simple and factual.
- **Abstract** - Limited to 150 words maximum. An abstract is a brief, comprehensive summary of the contents of the presentation.
- **Learning Objectives** - (**minimum of three**) Please focus on what attendees will be able to do after attending your presentation;
- **Multicultural Focus** - **ALL presentations must include** multicultural perspectives and promote diversity;
- **References** - List at least five references familiar with your work within the last seven years;
- **Biography of the Lead Presenter & Co-Presenter(s)** - (**no more than 50 words each**): In a brief paragraph, give the presenter's/ co-presenters's qualifications.
- **Contact Information for the Lead Presenter & Co-Presenter(s)** - Please list Name, Credentials, Email address, Primary mailing address, Current position, Employer, Daytime and evening telephone numbers, and
- **Accommodation Request(s)** – Please describe any accommodations you may require, (e.g. American Sign Language Interpreter).

Click here to submit your online proposal for concurrent sessions [here](#).

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Proposal Review Process

The NAMRC Conference Program Committee and a team of NAMRC members will review all presentation proposals. Presentations will be selected based on (a) relevance to NAMRC Conference theme and content areas, “*A Seat at the Table: Disability, Intersectionality and Social Justice,*” (b) Organization and Clarity, (c) Program Conceptualization, including appropriate rationale, clearly stated three learning outcomes, well-developed program format to assure accomplishments of program objectives, (d) cultural diversity focus to include people of color/people with disabilities, (e) extent to actively engage audience participation, and (f) innovative and evidence-based practices. In addition, ethical sessions will be evaluated on the extent to which specific sections of the CRC/ ACA/ NBCC Codes of Ethics are included in the abstract.

The Committee will send notification by email to the Lead Presenter of acceptance or rejection. The Lead Presenter will be responsible for notifying Co-Presenters of the outcome. All applicants will be notified of the status of their submission by May 15, 2024.