

CHNC2026: Growing Together in Action – Strengthening the Roots of Community Health Nursing

May 20-22, 2026
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for the Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) conference in May 20-22, 2026. This conference aims to deepen our shared commitment to equity, action, and transformation in the face of pressing health and social challenges in Canada.

We welcome abstract submissions from all classes of registered or licensed nurses and interprofessional collaborators working in practice, administration, education, research, or policy that explore a range of topics including (but not limited to):

- Advancing community nursing practice that addresses health inequities for all people, and engages communities in response to evolving social and structural determinants of health
- Fostering cultural safety in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples through critical allyship and Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing
- Exploring the opportunities, risks, and ethical considerations of using artificial intelligence in community health nursing practice, education, and research
- Promoting planetary health and addressing the environmental impacts on health
- Strengthening community nursing leadership and actions in all areas such as primary prevention, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, and mental health
- Highlighting the collaborative contributions of Licensed/Registered Practical Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses in community health

TYPE OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- **Oral Presentations** – Multiple oral presentations will be grouped into sessions with a similar theme. Each presentation will be 20 minutes including questions and answers.
- **Talking Circle/Fishbowl Discussions** – This format is designed for maximum audience engagement. Facilitators will encourage discussion and interaction with all participants in the session. The session lasts for 1 hour.
- **Open Session Format** – Have a creative idea for a new session format? Select this option and include a description of your session delivery method. Time frame could be 30 to 60 minutes. Innovative formats could include Networking Cafés, multimedia or video presentations, technology demonstrations or other modes.
- **Poster Presentations**

PREPARING YOUR ABSTRACT

- Abstracts must be no longer than **250 words**.
- Abstracts should address one or more of the following Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards of Practice:
 - Standard 1: Health Promotion
 - Standard 2: Prevention and Health Protection
 - Standard 3: Health Maintenance, Restoration and Palliation

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- Standard 4: Professional Relationships
- Standard 5: Capacity Building
- Standard 6: Health Equity
- Standard 7: Evidence Informed Practice
- Components of the abstract ought to include:
 - The issue(s), focus or purpose of the initiative.
 - The approach and/or methodology used.
 - The findings and/or solutions, and conclusion.
 - Implications of the work for nursing in community health settings and contexts.
- Abstracts may be submitted and presented in either English or French. Unfortunately, simultaneous translation services will not be available, but dedicated French only session(s) may be offered if submitted.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

To begin your abstract submission, go to the abstract submission website:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/79503/submitter>

Please make sure your email system is set to allow messages from
support@oxfordabstracts.com, **sendmail@oxfordabstracts.com**,
and **conference@chnc.ca**.

This will ensure you receive abstract submission and decision notices. You should receive a confirmation when you submit your abstract. If you do not receive these confirmations, please check your 'spam' folders or contact us at conference@chnc.ca.

To submit your abstract:

1. Register to access the abstract submission system (you will need to do this only once).
2. Log in to the abstract submission system.
3. Select **“Click here to make a new submission”**
4. Follow the on-screen directions to complete your submission.
5. **Important information**
 - a. All abstract notifications will be sent to the e-mail address of the abstract submitter. It is the responsibility of the abstract submitter to distribute the information to any presenting authors and/or co-authors.
 - b. The abstract title and abstract will be printed in the program as entered. Please do not use all caps in the title or abstract.
 - c. The system will not accept abstracts longer than 250 words.
 - d. If you are an author on the abstract, you must include your own name and affiliation on step 2.
 - e. You may edit your abstract until the submission deadline through the abstract submission system.

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SELECTION PROCESS

All abstracts are subjected to “blind” peer review. Selection criteria include relevance to Community Health Nursing as well as the conference themes.

NOTIFICATION

You will receive an automated confirmation on receipt of your completed abstract submission. If you do not receive these confirmations, please check your ‘spam’ folders or contact us at an email address.

Abstract submissions are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, November 14, 2025!

REGISTRATION

All presenters must register for the conference and pay associated conference fees to secure their presentation(s) on the conference program. CHNC will assume no costs for the preparation of presentations or attendance at the conference. For more information, please contact conference@chnc.ca.