The National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)  
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)  
Council on State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)

Fall 2019 National Rehabilitation Education Conference  
Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel - Arlington, VA  

Thursday, October 31 – Saturday, November 2, 2019  

"Keeping our Eyes on the Prize: Achieving Vocational Rehabilitation Excellence"  

Call for Program Proposals – Scientific Poster Presentation  
Deadline Date: SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019 at 10:00PM PDT

The National Rehabilitation Counselors Education Conference (NCRE) is a means of facilitating communication and sharing information among professionals involved in training, recruiting, hiring and enhancing the development of qualified rehabilitation counselors. The focus of the conference this year is re-focusing and improving on the fundamental skills of training and developing the skills of professionals.

This year’s theme “Keeping our Eyes on the Prize: Achieving Vocational Rehabilitation Excellence“ was jointly developed by representatives from National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and Council on State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR.)

This theme and the associated tracks reflect our share vision of improving employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. We are seeking proposals for the following tracks that are innovative and forward thinking: research, strategies, and ideas that will help to achieve our vision.

THE FEATURED CONFERENCE TRACKS  
PREPARE YOUR PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CONFERENCE THEME ALIGNED WITH A FEATURED TRACK

1. Employment  
2. Employment: New Solutions to Old, New and Emerging Problems  
3. Inclusion, Equity, and Social Justice  
4. Legislation and Policy  
5. Preservice and In-service Training: Are we Ready?  
6. Research on Effectiveness of Partnerships and Collaboration  
7. Research to Practice  
8. Vocational and Career Counseling Curriculum Content
CONFERENCE TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

1. EMPLOYMENT

For this track, proposals should address factors and practices related to competitive integrated employment outcomes among individuals with disabilities, particularly in regards to individuals with psychiatric disabilities, young adults with disabilities, and other underrepresented populations. Proposals, however, are not limited to these populations.

Examples include the development or examination of employment interventions, services and supports, business practices, or the effects of public policies.

2. EMPLOYMENT: NEW SOLUTIONS TO OLD, NEW AND EMERGING PROBLEMS

Vocational rehabilitation continues to face increasing pressure to demonstrate cost effective outcomes. This pressure is particularly acute during the current budgetary and economic difficulties. We must get people with disabilities working in integrated settings more rapidly, more efficiently, in larger numbers, in jobs that lead to self-sustaining careers and prepared for careers of the future.

Proposals being sought under this track must describe (a) new solutions for old problems, (b) solutions for new problems or (c) solutions for emerging problems.

3. INCLUSIONS, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

New Federal policies regarding education, health care, social justice and equity, and immigration threaten to further marginalize the poorest of Americans. This includes millions of individuals with disabilities and chronic illness. The new Federal budget threatens to set disability rights and inclusion back 50 years or more by stripping away critical protections and slashing vital programs.

This track addresses issues such as Disability rights and policy, Intersectionality, addressing social justice as Rehabilitation Counselors, how to enhance community advocacy and engagement, rehabilitation counselor advocacy and client self-advocacy, and promoting fairness and justice through the CRCC Code of Ethics, Evidence-based interventions for social justice are especially welcome.
4. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Proposals are invited that address contemporary issues affecting rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation counselor education. Presenters are encouraged to generate conversations addressing issues affecting people with disabilities, for example and not limited to, current Federal policy changes on Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation, health care reform and health disparities, migration and immigration, and employment.

Of special interest is that topics in this area will generate and contribute to the unified voice advocating for social justice and equity in the provision of rehabilitation counseling services and a better quality of life for people with disabilities.

5. PRESERVICE AND INSERVICE TRAINING: ARE WE READY?

Change is inevitable. Training is critical to preparing a rehabilitation-counseling workforce that is versatile enough to deal with current and future issues in traditional and evolving employment settings.

Proposals must describe: (a) effective and innovative pre-service or in-service training models or practices, (b) evidence-based training models, or (c) examples of training in and/or implementation of evidence-based practices.

6. RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVENESS OF PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Under this track, proposals must either describe (a) effective methods and strategies to establish and maintain partnerships or (b) evidence-based practices that have been successfully implemented and increased competitive integrated employment outcomes through engaging partners.

Proposals should include strategies used in developing effective partnerships and how to identify and build upon mutually beneficial relationships for all parties.
7. RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

Disseminating rehabilitation counseling research and knowledge through refereed publications and presentations does not guarantee that new evidences will be utilized effectively in practice settings. Proposals should address specific facilitators and barriers to the implementation of evidence-based practices, including but not limited to, Knowledge Translation, Communities of Practice, Web-based dissemination, and how to enhance evidenced-based rehabilitation counseling practice through publications and/or presentations.

Proposals being sought under this track should describe (a) evidence based practices that have been successfully implemented and significantly affected practice especially resulting in increased employment outcomes, (b) effective research that has substantial potential to affect practice or (c) research and dissemination approaches that may be more effective than current approaches and have most promise for the future. Proposals can include issues and challenges faced in conducting such research or disseminating research outcomes.

8. VOCATIONAL AND CAREER COUNSELING CURRICULUM CONTENT

How is your curriculum preparing VR Counselors to meet the vocational and career counseling priorities of WIOA?

Proposals should address existing or new curricular content on initial employment of people with disabilities and/or return to work strategies.

INCLUSION, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

All proposals will be evaluated on how they address issues of inclusion, equity, and social justice (i.e., these issues must include, but not be limited to the intersection of disability, and/or race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religious/spiritual and language differences).
**SUBMISSION PROPOSAL ONLINE LINK**

Proposals will be submitted through the NCRE website using the online submission form located on the homepage under the “Conference” tab. Select “Fall 2019 Conference”, which will direct you to the overview page and refer to the heading Call for Papers – Now Open.

Refer to the heading Online Submission Form and click on the submit button, which will direct you to the online proposal system. Please note proposals will not accepted through email.

**HOW MANY SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROPOSALS CAN I SUBMIT?**

Submit no more than (2) SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION, in which you are listed as the FIRST PRESENTER. No Exceptions!

**WHAT IF I AM LISTED AS A CO-PRESENTER ON MULTIPLE SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROPOSALS?**

Due to the number of co-presenters listed on multiple presentations please make note of the following. Two poster presentations are assigned per table and each one will be assigned a number.

If you are listed as a co-presenter on more than (1) SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION, which has been offered and accepted to present the NCRE Administrative office cannot guarantee the presentations will be assigned to the same table to present.

**SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROTOCOL**

There is a new specific protocol in place for Scientific Poster Presentations. Please be aware of this new change to the conference. We are trying to create a richer experience for our attendees.

If your poster is accepted you agree to the new protocol for creating your poster. Please refer to the two links below for more detailed instructions regarding the NEW PROTOCOL FOR CREATING YOUR SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION. NCRE obtained written permission from MAKESIGNS to include the specific links below:

The title is limited to 12 words. The title of the paper is concise and descriptive. It must accurately describe the content of the proposed session.

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only using uppercase letters for the first letter of each new word in the title. If the proposal is selected, this title will be printed in the conference program.

The abstract is 120 words or less. Longer abstracts will be edited.

The abstract includes the basic content of the proposed session, the method for information delivery, and the source of the information. If the proposal is selected, this abstract will be printed in the conference program.

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only capitalizing the first letter of each word at the beginning of a new sentence and/or if it is to focus attention on particular elements within any group of people, places, or things.

This is an anonymous peer review process.

In addition to the expertise of the reviewers and the cooperative nature of the process, confidentiality and the avoidance of any conflict of interest are critical components of NCRE’s review process.

Once the Call for Proposals is closed, in order to ensure the integrity of the review process, all self-identifying information is removed from each proposal by the administrative office before the review process begins. Please do not include identifying information in the content description including but not limited to the following: the identity/identities of the presenter(s), biographical sketch of presenter(s), or professional affiliation(s).

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only capitalizing the first letter of each word at the beginning of a new sentence and/or if it is to focus attention on particular elements within any group of people, places, or things.
CONTENT DESCRIPTION – EMPIRICAL REQUIRED SECTIONS

EMPIRICAL – The proposal content description is limited to 1,200 words. If your proposal is empirical presentation the following are REQUIRED SECTIONS.

To help identify each required section in your proposal you MUST number each section with the section heading exactly as it is listed below so proposal reviewers can easily identify each new section:

(1) Purpose
(2) Methods
(3) Results- Research or Clinical
(4) Conclusions
(5) Implications for Research and Practice

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING - IMPORTANT EXAMPLE
If your proposal includes (1) Purpose, (3) Results- Research or Clinical, (4) Conclusions and (5) Implications for Research and Practice but does not include section number (2) Methods the proposal will not be accepted and will not go through the review process.

CONTENT DESCRIPTION – CONCEPTUAL REQUIRED SECTIONS

CONCEPTUAL – The proposal content description is limited to 1,200 words. If your proposal is conceptual presentation the following are REQUIRED SECTIONS.

To help identify each required section in your proposal you MUST number each section with the section heading exactly as it is listed below so proposal reviewers can easily identify each new section.

(1) Purpose
(2) Relevant Literature
(3) Conclusions
(4) Implications for Research and Practice

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING - IMPORTANT EXAMPLE
If your proposal includes (1) Purpose, (3) Conclusions and (4) Implications for Research and Practice but does not include section number (2) Relevant Literature the proposal will not be accepted and will not go through the review process.
CONTENT DESCRIPTION – EXPERIENTIAL REQUIRED SECTIONS

EXPERIENTIAL – The proposal content description is limited to 1,200 words. If your proposal is experiential presentations the following are REQUIRED SECTIONS.

To help identify each required section in your proposal you MUST number each section with the section heading exactly as it is listed below so proposal reviewers can easily identify each new section.

(1) Purpose
(2) Relevant Literature
(3) Conclusions
(4) Implications for Research and Practice

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING - IMPORTANT EXAMPLE
If your proposal includes (1) Purpose, (3) Conclusions and (4) Implications for Research and Practice but does not include section number (2) Relevant Literature the proposal will not be accepted and will not go through the review process.

PRESENTER AND CO-PRESENTER(S) INFORMATION AND PROGRAM BOOKLET

Do not add credentials that have not been obtained at the time of submitting this proposal. For example, PhD Candidate, LPC Candidate, Masters Candidate etc.

First Presenter Information
1. Include First and Last Name (please do not capitalize entire name)
2. No more than (2) two professional credentials (e.g., Ph.D., CRC)
3. Email address
4. Professional affiliation (e.g., State University and/or Acme Agency)

Co-Presenter(s) Information (up to five co-presenter(s) only). Include the following for each co-presenter:
1. First and Last Name(s) (please do not capitalize co-presenter(s) entire name
2. No more than (2) two professional credential (e.g., Ph.D., CRC, etc.,)
3. Professional affiliation (e.g., State University and/or Acme Agency)
**SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION DATE AND TIME**

**Scientific Poster Presentations** will be held on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 5:00PM – 6:30PM**.

Scientific Poster Presentation will be presented in a 90-minute poster showcase forum for professionals and students to share best practices and/or research with conference attendees.

**COMMUNICATION WITH FIRST PRESENTER AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

The first presenter listed on the proposal will serve as the main point of contact. For a proposal with more than one presenter, the first presenter will answer on behalf of all presenters. The first presenter is responsible for disseminating all correspondence from the NCRE administrative office to co-presenter(s).

The email address you provide will be used for all communications throughout the proposal process. For this reason, it is critical that you take the time to check that the email provided is accurate (i.e., check for additions or omissions of letters, numbers or characters, etc.)

**PRESENTER AND CO-PRESENTER(S) INFORMATION AND PROGRAM BOOKLET**

Presenter and co-presenter(s) name(s), credential(s), and professional affiliation will appear EXACTLY as you have provided in your proposal for the electronic program booklet should your proposal be accepted. Therefore it is critical that you confirm this information with your co-presenter(s) before you submit proposal.

For the presenter and co-presenter(s) we include two (2) credentials in the program booklet should your proposal be accepted. Therefore, do not provide more than two.

Do not add credentials that have not been obtained at the time of submitting this proposal. For example, PhD Candidate, LPC Candidate, Masters Candidate etc.
REVIEW SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Upon completion of your online proposal, you will see a confirmation message at the top of this webpage. “Thank you. Your Fall 2019 SCIENTIFIC POSTER PROPOSAL has been successfully received.”

Once successfully submitted, the first presenter will also receive a copy of the proposal submitted to include a list of the important notification and deadline dates. If you do not receive this message, please contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org.

For questions regarding your proposal please contact the Lead Proposal Review Team: Dr. Elizabeth Boland and Dr. Brian Phillips at ncrefallconference@ncre.org.

For questions regarding registration, hotel, membership, scheduling, and conference materials please contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES

Due to the high number of proposals submitted for all presentation formats (Concurrent, Scientific Poster and Seminar Presentations) the administrative office cannot be held responsible if you fail to respond to email communication.

If accepted to present and you fail to respond to the confirmation email by the deadline date, your proposal will be removed from the conference program and another proposal will take its place, no exceptions.

If you fail to register by the deadline date your proposal will be removed from the conference program and another proposal will take its place, no exceptions. The email address you provide on your proposal will be used for all communications throughout the proposal process.

To prevent your web browser from recognizing this email as spam, please add the NCRE Fall conference email to your address book ncrefallconference@ncre.org.
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION AND DEADLINE DATES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019: We will inform the first presenter on each proposal, via email, on the decision regarding their submitted proposal.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019: The deadline date for presenters, who have been accepted, to notify NCRE of their decision to agree to present via email.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019: Presenter and co-presenters must complete conference registration to participate as presenters.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019: Confirmation of date and time of presentation will be emailed to the first presenter only after proof of registration for all presenters attending the conference are complete.

AVAILABILITY OF PRESENTER(S)

Submission of this proposal acknowledges that the Presenter and Co-Presenter(s) agree to:

• Be listed as the First Presenter on no more than (2) SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION, No Exceptions.
• Present Scientific Poster Presentation on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 5:00PM – 6:30PM.
• Not charge a separate fee for attending the Poster Forum.
• Pay the registration fee to attend the Conference.
• Presenter(s) listed on proposal who do not register to attend the conference will not be listed in the conference program.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

NCRE will provide Poster Boards and pushpins for scientific poster presentations onsite at the conference hotel.

The size/dimensions of the display board open is 48"W x 36"H.
AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT

Scientific poster presentation presenters will not be provided Computer/Laptop, LCD projector, Audio, Internet or Microphone.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Proposals will be reviewed based on the information submitted online.
- Proposals that are received as incomplete will not be reviewed.
- Once submitted, proposal cannot be edited.
- Please do not submit duplicate proposals, instead contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org