



## 2018 New Jersey League for Nursing Convention

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*Theme: Multiple Roles of the New Jersey Nurse:  
Facing Today's Challenges Together*

### SAMPLE: NJLN ABSTRACT FORMAT

(Times New Roman-12pt APA Format)

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### **Title of the Presentation (Times New Roman-16pt)**

**Abstract:** ('Abstract' is **Bold Times New Roman-12pt**. The remainder of the document is justified\*, single line spacing, with no indentations). Typically, the abstract describes the topic you would like to present at the conference. It should highlight your hypothesis, argument, or evidence-based study. Usually it is restricted to a certain number of words (250) set by the conference abstract committee. The abstract is a standard form of writing. Be concise, writing only what is necessary, avoiding wordiness. Write in the active voice\*. Be clear, a good abstract should answer the following questions: What is the question or problem? What is your thesis/argument? What is your evidence? What is going on in the field of study and how does your paper contribute to it? Why does it matter? The topic is important to you, but why should it be important to the abstract selection committee? Be as specific as possible. Say what needs to be said and nothing more. Revise and edit your abstract to make sure it is free from errors. The final draft should read smoothly. If you are stumbling over words while reading, the abstract selection committee will also. Ask a colleague to read your abstract for clarity. The language should be professional and the style should adhere to academic standards (North Carolina State University, 2017).

#### **Reference:**

North Carolina State University. (2017). Retrieved from  
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American Psychological Association (APA). Retrieved from [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

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