



The [Watson Caring Science Institute](#), [Watson Caring Science Center](#), and [Stanford Health Care](#) invite you to attend the [23rd International Caritas Consortium](#) in Stanford, California.

The International Caritas Consortium (ICC) is an exciting forum for innovative collaboration, uniting and energizing healthcare professionals and committed individuals from various clinical and educational systems, actively engaged in Caring Science and the Theory of Human Caring.

We invite you to showcase the innovative approaches you have taken to integrate and sustain Caring Science into your practice, environment and culture. This is a unique opportunity to gain national and international recognition and contribute to sharing this meaningful work.

We Invite

- Nurses and all health professionals, managers, clinicians, educators, researchers
- Those interested in Caring Science and transformative theory – guided professional practice models
- Those interested in authentically shifting from disease, illness and institutional care to caring and health, healing and well-being

Event Theme: [One World: Connecting through Caring Consciousness](#)

Event Tracks: You will indicate a following category you wish the abstract to be considered (select only one).

- **To Care (Practice/Evidence-based Practice)**
- **To Educate (Academic/Professional Development)**
- **To Lead (Caring Leadership)**
- **To Discover (Research/Innovation)**

Abstract Title: Please limit to 15 words.

Abstract Content: Maximum 350 words; please do not include charts, tables, bullet points, references.

Criteria: Abstracts will be selected for poster or podium presentation based on scholarship, coherence and relevance to Caring Science and the event theme

Key Tips:

- All references to organizations and/or presenters by name must not be included in the title, program description, and body of the abstract.
- Spell out acronyms on first use.
- Use third person pronouns in referring to your organization; avoid “we”, “our”, and, “us”.

Guideline/Key Dates

- May 31, 2017 – Deadline for submission of abstracts, resume/CV, and COI/Disclosure for all presenters
- June 16, 2017 – Notification of acceptance will be sent to the primary author
- July 15, 2017 – Acknowledgement regarding intent to present/contribute
- Sept 1, 2017 – Email electronic presentation (oral or poster) and handouts no later than 5:00 pm ET
- Sept 1, 2017 – Presenters submit short bio and learning outcomes
- Sept 1, 2017 – Early-bird deadline for conference registration; all authors listed on an abstract and accepted for presentation are required to register by this time
- Oct 26-27, 2017 – 23rd International Caritas Consortium held in Stanford, CA

Conflict of Interest: All abstract presenters will affirm no conflicts of interest, unless otherwise stated in the COI/Disclosure.

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Abstracts, conflict of interest and CV/resumes will be submitted online.
The website for abstract submission and additional logistical information can be found at
<http://bit.ly/2lHtxlf>

TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

TRACK 1: TO CARE

(PRACTICE/EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE)

Practice track abstracts focus on actions implemented by organizations to facilitate Caring Science based practice in all work settings. Abstracts must evidence staff or management activities in any healthcare setting related to one of the topical areas and must focus on one or more ICC learning goals/outcomes. Where applicable, abstracts should incorporate quality measurements and/or some aspect of quality data. Abstracts must include the purpose and description of the caring science integration initiative, the practice changes implemented, evaluation of the effectiveness, and implications for practice. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Caring science practice exemplars resulting in significant improvement in processes or patient outcomes
- Integration of caring science into professional models of care resulting in enhanced staff satisfaction and optimal patient outcomes
- Interdisciplinary/interprofessional caring science integration and collaboration
- Integration of caring science into advanced nursing practice roles and responsibilities, quality of care including ethics, patient safety, and quality infrastructure.

Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) abstracts must demonstrate a **completed caring science** evidence-based practice initiative resulting in a new practice for nursing or staff within the organization. Evidence-Based Practice abstracts must describe the purpose for the caring science initiative, process for implementation, evaluation of the initiative, and implications for professional practice. Quality data or other empirical data evidencing outcomes should be included. Topic areas include, but are not limited to:

- Improvements resulting from caring science innovation in nursing
- Integration of caring science in the implementation of technology to enhance care quality
- Integration of caring science to enhance the patient caring experience
- Caring nursing practice; collaborative or inter-professional initiatives
- Work flow/healing spaces improvements

TRACK 2: TO EDUCATE

(ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

Education track abstracts focus on actions implemented by organizations demonstrating integration of caring based theory and emancipatory pedagogies into academic nursing curriculum design and professional development programs. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Caring curriculum in nursing education.
- Caritas literacy education and integration in academic and professional development
- Teaching the science of caring using aesthetic learning.
- Clinical caring leadership involving advanced practice roles and/or educational roles.

TRACK 3: TO LEAD
(CARING LEADERSHIP)

Leadership track abstracts focus on actions implemented by organizations demonstrating transformative and caring leadership in staff, middle and executive role levels in all work settings. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Caritas literacy integration in transformational and/or caring leadership practice
- Longitudinal impact of transformational and/or caring leadership practices on the system, organization, nurses, and patients
- Transformational, caring and/or quantum leadership development at all levels
- Succession planning to prepare future caritas nurse leaders
- Clinical caring leadership involving advanced practice roles and/or educational roles.

TRACK 4: TO DISCOVER
(RESEARCH/INNOVATION)

Innovation track abstracts focus on creative, solution based problem solving that engage all ways of knowing (i.e. empirical, personal, ethical, aesthetics) and “out-of-the-box” strategies, process improvements, and exemplars that affect nurses and/or interprofessional team members in any healthcare practice or academic setting. Such strategies may be oriented to administrative or staff level approaches, and should highlight creative methods and ways of knowing used to achieve leading edge, high-quality, effective, and efficient caring science based services in any of the following areas:

- Care delivery systems and patient-centered care
- Shared leadership
- Healing work environment
- Professional practice
- Clinical practice
- Education
- Networking
- Organizational changes/change management
- Leadership at all levels
- Collaboration among health care teams or providers
- Impact of Caring Science on organizational innovation and innovative strategies

Research track abstracts for oral presentation are limited to completed research using a quantitative or qualitative design. Research in progress is acceptable for poster presentations only. Posters may omit results and conclusions, but must include hypotheses. Research can be original or replication studies that address one or more of the following topical areas:

- New knowledge
- Innovations
- Improvements in caring science based practice
- Impact of caring science integration on individuals or organization

WHAT WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR IN ABSTRACTS

Key Elements for (Care, Educate, Leadership) Abstracts *

Tracks 1 – 3

1. **Purpose (What):** Identify the overall goal of the caring science practice initiative.
2. **Relevance/Significance (Why):** Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the ICC goal(s) and why the initiative was necessary
3. **Strategy and Implementation (How):** Describe the caring science initiative actions and the process of implementation.
4. **Evaluation/Outcomes (So what):** Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the caring science initiative change (success or failure).
5. **Implications for Practice (And now what):** Discuss specific implications for caritas nursing/interprofessional practice.

Key Elements for (Discover) Abstracts *

Track 4

Note: If abstract is a completed, or still in progress research project, please indicate in the abstract that IRB approval has been given, and by which institution.

1. **Purpose (What):** State the intent or goal of the research and theoretical framework
2. **Background/Significance (Why):** Describe the knowledge base you are building on, and the importance of the research goal. This section should also include hypotheses or research aims.
3. **Methods (How):** Identify the research design, sample, instruments, data collection procedure, and analytic approach used.
4. **Findings (So what):** Describe analytic findings and include actual data demonstrating the value of the caring science research.
5. **Conclusions and Implementations for Practice (And now what):** Discuss the meaning of the findings and their implications for nursing practice.

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