The annual Vic Collab Conference aims to provide an accessible and supportive environment for first time conference presenters and/or early-career nurses to participate. Graduate nurses and post-graduate nursing students are particularly encouraged to submit abstracts. First time presenters are eligible for the 2018 First Time Presenters Prize.

**Submission guidelines**
Abstracts up to 200 words are invited for:
- 20 minute paper presentations
- 10 minute paper presentations
- 5 minute ‘rapid fire’ group presentations

A submission template can be accessed at: healthsciences.unimelb.edu.au/visit/collab2018

**Deadline extended**
Friday 13 April 2018

If you’re interested in presenting a paper but would like further information or guidance, please seek support from your education team or contact Dr Val Goodwin: val.goodwin@acu.edu.au

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**SUGGESTED TOPICS**
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- Experiences and perspectives of early-career MH nurses
- Transitioning from student to nurse
- Utilising therapeutic techniques
- Experiences of receiving Clinical Supervision
- Models of care
- Recovery-oriented practice
- Resilience & self-care
- Running groups
- Clinically-based research & evaluation
- Forensic mental health
- MH nursing across the consumer life-span
- Cultural & Indigenous issues
- Dual diagnosis
- Dual disability
- Substance use