The Conference is seeking abstracts for presentations on the specialist practice of mental health nursing across the breadth of service settings: public, private, clinical, community and non-traditional. Abstracts that showcase effective therapeutic approaches across any stage of life are welcomed.

**Submission guidelines**

Abstracts should not exceed 200 words, and are invited for 20 minute paper presentations.

Papers from practising clinicians, graduate nurses & post-graduate nursing students are particularly encouraged, as are first time presenters.

Further instructions and a submission template can be accessed at: healthsciences.unimelb.edu.au/visit/collab2018

**Deadline extended**

**Friday 13 April 2018**

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**SUGGESTED TOPICS**

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- Recovery-oriented practice
- Innovations in practice
- Trauma-informed care
- Leadership
- Resilience & self-care for MH nurses
- Clinically-based research & evaluation
- Therapeutic approaches
- Consumer perspectives
- Carer perspectives
- Peer work
- Co-production
- Forensic mental health
- Child & Youth MH
- MH nursing across the consumer life-span
- Cultural & Indigenous issues in MH nursing
- Experiences of early-career MH nurses
- Dual diagnosis
- Dual disability
- Substance use
- Reducing restrictive practices