



How to Prepare an Abstract

Tips for Success:

1. Be succinct. A scientific abstract is not creative writing.
2. Use the suggested headings.
3. Be mindful of the word limit.
4. Review the scoring rubric. Include the required criteria.
5. Use proper grammar and do a spell check before submission.
6. Ensure that the topic is relevant to healthcare education and the mission of the conference.

Follow the suggestions below to build each section of the abstract.

Introduction/ Background: Lead with a purpose statement, such as, “The purpose of this study was to examine.....” If you conducted research, quality improvement, or evidence-based teaching, state the hypothesis, research question, or PICOT question. Support the purpose with one or two sentences that indicate the need for the proposed intervention. Clearly and logically address the gap in knowledge, the scope of an educational problem, or the importance of the teaching strategy or educational project.

Education Focus/ Teaching Strategy: Clearly describe the teaching strategy or educational project, highlighting the innovative and original elements.

Methods/ Instructional Design: Concisely describe your sample, the instruments used to measure the outcomes, and the data-analysis strategy.

Outcomes: Communicate the overall outcomes of the research, teaching strategy, or project. Save the details and specifics for the presentation, including statistics and p-values.

Implications for Healthcare Education: Logically link the outcomes to healthcare education. Relate insights to the relevance of the findings to today’s students, faculty, or healthcare or academic environments.