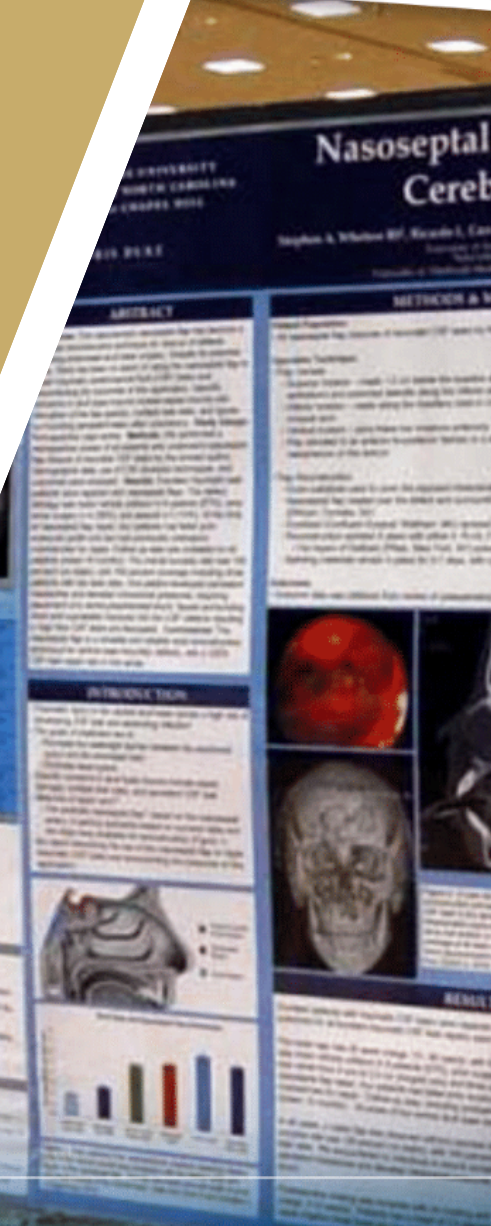


2026 HOSA RESEARCH FORUM

(NEW) FOR PS/C
MEMBERS ONLY



Eligibility:

- Open to Postsecondary/Collegiate (PS/C) members only.
- Participants must be registered for the 2026 HOSA International Leadership Conference.
- Abstract acceptance is required, and participation is limited.

Why Participate in the HOSA Research Forum:

The HOSA Research Forum provides Postsecondary/Collegiate (PSC) members with a meaningful opportunity to engage in presentation while attending the International Leadership Conference, elevating their conference experience through professional growth in research!

1. Professional Research Experience:

- a. Present scholarly work in a formal, conference-style setting at the Leadership Conference and engage with members, advisors, alumni, and healthcare professionals!

2. Distinction & Recognition:

- a. As a program debuting during HOSA's 50th anniversary, participants gain official recognition, including certification of involvement, and the prestige of presenting at an **international** leadership conference!

3. Academic & Career Advancement

- a. Strengthen applications for graduate school, research programs, and health professions by demonstrating research initiative.

Abstract Submission Process:

PSC members interested in presenting must submit an abstract outlining their research or scholarly project through the official Call for Abstracts Submission Form.

- Abstracts must clearly describe the project purpose, methods, and relevance to health or healthcare
- Abstract submission deadline: April 1, 2026
- Abstracts will be reviewed for clarity, relevance, and scholarly merit
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 15, 2026

Conference Registration Requirement:

Participants whose abstract are accepted must:

- Complete registration for the 2026 International Leadership Conference by **May 15, 2026**.
- Indicate participation in this HOSA Research Forum during ILC registration through Conference Management System (CMS).

Failure to complete ILC registration or indicate participation may result in forfeiture of the presentation opportunity.

Eligible Research and Project Types:

The HOSA Research Forum welcomes a broad range of health-related scholarly work, including but not limited to:

- Original research studies (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods)
- Literature reviews, systematic reviews, or evidence syntheses
- Quality improvement, patient safety, or clinical process projects
- Public health, community health, or population health studies
- Healthcare innovation, policy analysis, or systems-based research

Projects may be conducted individually or as part of a team. The submitting and presenting member must be a current PSC member.

Poster Presentation Format:

- Accepted participants will present their work using a professional research poster displayed in the ILC Expo Hall.
- Poster size, layout, and content guidelines will be provided to accepted participants.
- Participants are responsible for printing and transporting their own posters to ILC.
- Participants competing in the Research Poster Competitive Event must bring separate posters for each activity.

On-Site Participation Expectation:

- Posters will be displayed during posted Expo hours on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 17-19, 2026 at ILC.**
- Setup: **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am**
- On **Thursday, June 18, 2026 3:30 - 5:00pm**, participants must be present at their posters to discuss their work with conference attendees
- Participants should be prepared to explain their project to both general audiences and healthcare-focused attendees

Recognition:

- All members who submit an abstract will receive digital acknowledgment of submission
- Participants whose abstracts are accepted and who present at ILC will receive official recognition for participation in the HOSA Research Forum

Details regarding digital credentials or certificates will be communicated directly to participants.

Call for Abstracts:

- Full submission instructions, abstract formatting requirements, and poster guidelines are available through the [Call for Abstracts Submission Form](#).

Checklist:

- For any interested members requiring further guidance on how to submit abstracts, check out the link above for step-by-step instructions!

Any Questions?

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