



**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION  
OF SCHOOL NURSES**

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Subject: Invitation to Present a Poster at the 38th Annual VASN Fall Conference

Dear VASN Members,

We hope this message finds you well. As we gear up for our 38th Annual Fall Conference: Virginia School Nurses Navigating Wellness, we are reaching out to talented professionals in the field of school nursing and related disciplines to invite them to share their insights and research at our upcoming conference. The event is scheduled to take place on November 9th and 10th, 2024, at the beautiful Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. The conference aims to bring together experts, practitioners, and educators to exchange knowledge, innovative research findings, and professional practices in the field of school nursing.

We are currently accepting applications for poster presentations and would be honored to have you contribute your expertise to our event. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your research, innovative projects/practices, or case studies to a dedicated audience of your peers. Presenting a poster at the conference is a fantastic way to share your knowledge, experiences, and achievements with your peers. It is also an excellent opportunity for professional development and networking. We believe that your contribution can inspire and inform others in our field.

If you are interested in presenting a poster, please reply to Tammy Moody directly [moodyrn75@gmail.com](mailto:moodyrn75@gmail.com) with a brief abstract of your poster topic by April 15th, 2024.

For any questions or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your participation and to another successful conference.

Best regards,

Tammy Moody & Robin Gilbert, Co-Chairs VASN Conference Planning Committee

Betsy Looney, President VASN



## Poster Presentation Information

**Why Participate:** We know that school nurses in Virginia are doing great things and we can learn from what others have done. School nurses themselves may not realize the great work they are doing-so we encourage peers to speak to their colleagues and encourage them to participate.

### How to Submit a Poster:

Create a poster that describes what you have done, include:

- a. The problem or issue you were solving or addressing
- b. What you did (how you used data, or who you worked with and the innovative activity)
- c. The results: what happened because of your actions?
- d. Lessons learned. What went well, what would you do differently in the future? (think of your audience and what would help them if they wanted to do this)
- e. References: 2-3 evidence-based references that tie into your project
  - i. *This is a required piece in order for posters to be eligible for CE credits.*
- f. **Your completed poster should be presented on a trifold for easy display at this year's VASN Fall Conference.**

### How to have a Poster Eligible for a Prize:

1. **Qualifications to be eligible to win a prize:** All school nurses in Virginia are eligible. Related school and health professionals jointly submitting are eligible with the school nurse.
  - a. VASN's board members and judging panel are not eligible for the prizes. They may have a poster submitted to share knowledge, but are ineligible for poster prizes
  - b. Allied school professionals or other health professionals who submit a poster without a school nurse co-author are not eligible for prizes.
2. **Judging:** Posters will be voted upon by all attendees of the 38th Annual VASN Conference.
3. **Categories of Prizes:**
  - a. Innovative Solutions - 1 award
  - b. Using Data for Change - 1 award
4. **Scoring/Points System:** Posters will be scored for:
  - a. Idea/solution creativity and advancement of school nursing practice (70%)
  - b. Ease of reading poster (15%)
  - c. Overall presentation (15%)
  - d. Scoring/ranks will not be shared publicly. Winners will be announced during the VASN membership luncheon meeting. **ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RE-COUNT OR REVIEW**
5. **Prizes:** Free VASN memberships for winner in each category



## Poster Presentation SAMPLE

**Descriptive Title of Your Project To Help Others Know What you Did (bold it)**  
Include names of presenters, include your credentials after your name: School Nurse, RN

### **Problem of Concern**

Describe the concern you were trying to address.

### **Solution**

Describe what you did. How did you use data differently or what did you do differently.

### **Results**

Describe what happened as a result of your innovation or how you used data to create change.

### **Visual**

Not required but helpful. Get permission if people are in the picture. Best to use your own photos. Cite and be careful of copyright infringement



### **Lessons Learned**

- For others who would like to do what you did, what should they do differently,
- What tips would help them.
- You may want to put these in bullet forms.

### **Reference**

- Add 1-3 evidence-based references.
- This includes evidence such as NASN's framework.
- Can be smaller font.

**Contact Information:** Add best way to contact you (like email address)