

2016 Call for Concept Papers

Multisite Research Studies — Pediatric Populations

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) invites the submission of concept papers describing a multisite research project with pediatric populations. Site participation would be offered only to ANCC Magnet®-recognized organizations. Both freestanding pediatric organizations and organizations with pediatric populations of interest to the study should be able to enroll as participating sites. The Magnet-recognized organizations that enroll in the study will be providing the research funding through annual participation fee payments to ANCC.

Authors of selected concept papers will be invited to submit full proposals from which one proposal will be chosen. An informational webinar for potential applicants, available live or on demand, is described below.

Purpose

ANCC's goal is to provide opportunities for Magnet-designated organizations to participate in rigorous, large-scale research studies that will build organizational research capacity and contribute to science.

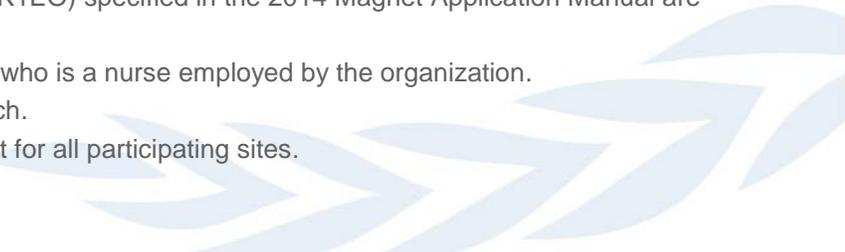
Competitive proposals will meet all three of the following objectives:

(1) Scientific Merit

The following list illustrates research areas of potential interest:

- studies of clinical or organizational interventions involving nursing care
- studies that examine the impact of policy on practice
- studies that investigate the cost effect/benefit of clinical interventions or reorganization of care delivery
- studies relating nursing care process (e.g., assessment, intervention, evaluation) to patient safety or quality outcomes
- studies relating nursing coordination of care to patient safety or quality outcomes
- studies relating the quality of nursing care to nursing-sensitive outcomes
- studies of interventions to improve empirical outcomes defined by the Magnet Recognition Program®

(2) Level of Site Involvement

- The Magnet requirements for research (NK1EO) specified in the 2014 Magnet Application Manual are achieved.
 - Each site has a site Principal Investigator who is a nurse employed by the organization.
 - Clinical nurses are engaged in the research.
 - The benefits of involvement are equivalent for all participating sites.
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(3) Enough Participating Organizations to Fund the Research

- To estimate a reasonable budget, determine the maximum number of sites feasible to manage that will fulfill the requirements of the design and divide the total research budget by that number. This would indicate the cost (participation fee) to each participating site over the term of the study.
- Each Magnet-recognized organization that joins the study must perceive value from participating in the study commensurate to the cost of participation. As examples of an affordable cost, previously funded studies included 34 to 40 Magnet-recognized organizations with annual participation fees of \$8,000-10,000 for 2 or 3 years.
- The number of participating sites and research budget are interdependent. For example, the total research budget may require adjustment based on the final number of Magnet-recognized organizations that enroll in the study.

Please review the description of ANCC's multisite research study initiatives provided in Hickey et al. (2014).¹

Concept Papers

Instructions are given below. Concept papers should be limited to 5 pages, excluding appendices, and describe:

- background; aims; sample; and methods, measures, and outcomes
- a budget estimate, inclusive of indirect costs no higher than 30%, up to \$1.2 million for a 2-3 year study
- the research team and their qualifications for completing the proposed work

Review Criteria

Concept papers and full proposals will be peer-reviewed against three criteria:

(1) Scientific Merit

- quality and scientific merit of proposed research
- qualifications of research team (with preference for interdisciplinary teams with established relationships)
- potential significance of the study

(2) Level of Site Involvement

- active involvement of the organizations participating in the research

(3) Enough Participating Organizations to Fund the Research

- feasibility of the number of participating site proposed

¹ Funding big research with small money. J Nurs Adm. 2014 Jun;44(6):309-12.



Informational Webinar: ANCC 2016 Call for Concept Papers — Pediatric Populations

Date: January 25, 2016, Monday

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Phone Connection: 1-800-247-5110 USA

Passcode: RESEARCH

Internet: <https://www.conferenceamerica.com/webecho/GuestLogin.aspx?ConfRef=18264456&Pin=7300>

No pre-registration is required.

To view the webinar on demand, visit <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/CredentialingResearch> after February 1, 2016.

Presenter: Marianne Weiss, DNSc, RN, Marquette University College of Nursing

This webinar will describe the goals for ANCC's multisite study initiatives and explain the 2016 call for concept papers in greater detail. A question and answer period will be included.

Dr. Weiss is a member of the ANCC Research Council and Principal Investigator of the ANCC multisite study currently in progress with 34 participating Magnet®-recognized organizations, "READI: Readiness Evaluation and Discharge Interventions."

Submission Deadline

March 3, 2016

Submit concept papers to vicki.lundmark@ana.org.

Schedule

March 23, 2016 **Invitations to submit full proposals distributed**

June 1, 2016 **Invited proposals due**

July 15, 2015 **Funding decision announced**

Address questions to Vicki Lundmark, Director, Institute for Credentialing Research, American Nurses Credentialing Center, at 301-628-5240 or vicki.lundmark@ana.org



Concept Paper Instructions

Format

Use standard letter size paper with 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font, and single spacing.

Cover page. Include the following:

- Descriptive title of the proposed research study
- Name, address, telephone number, email address of the principal investigator
- Names of other research team members

Narrative (5 pages)

Background. Briefly describe current literature and the need for the proposed study.

(Recommended length: ½ page)

Aims. Describe main goals, hypotheses, and the potential for filling gaps in knowledge.

(Recommended length: 1 page)

Sample. Briefly explain the sampling plan and the hierarchical units to be sampled if indicated. Include ideas for encouraging interest in becoming a study participant.

(Recommended length: 1½ pages)

Methods, measures, and outcomes. Describe the research design, key measures, and analysis plans.

(Recommended length: 2 pages)

Appendices (do not count in the 5-page limit)

Budget. Briefly outline a preliminary budget in the categories of personnel, supplies, travel, equipment, and other. Expenses not essential to the conduct of the research are excluded (e.g., first and business class travel, travel for paper presentations or conference attendance, consultant fees greater than \$1000 per day, purchase of computers). Please note that with the proposed budget to be provided by participation fees from the Magnet organizations in the study, affordability of the fee per organization should be considered. There is no specified format for this section.

(Recommended length: ½ - 1 page)

Research team. For each team member, describe expertise, relevant experience, and intended role on the study. Review how the research team's organization and past work together is expected to contribute to the success of the project.

(Recommended length: 1½ - 2 pages)

Study timeline. Display the proposed schedule for study activities.

(Recommended length: 1 - 1½ pages)

