

**Sigma Theta Tau Zeta Gamma Chapter**  
**Annual Conference**  
**“Creating a Culture for Quality Improvement**  
**at the Point of Care”**  
**Call for Abstracts: Due: February 6, 2012**  
**Conference Date: March 12, 2012, 8:30 am-4pm**

**Overview:** Nurses are at the heart of healthcare care, filling multiple roles as they interface with patients and families and coordinate services for healthcare recipients. As nurses participate in hundreds of processes that impact patient care, new ideas to improve safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, equitability and/or efficiency are generated. The purpose of the STTI conference 2012 is to provide a forum for nurses and nursing students to share experiences, research and projects that exemplify the nurses’ role in QI at the point of care.

**Objectives:**

1. Identify opportunities for nurses to use best evidence to improve healthcare at the point of care through a well-planned, monitored and evaluated process.
2. Advance the science of nursing practice through scholarly activities in clinical practice.
3. Identify national and global trends in QI and the social and economic impact on the status of healthcare.

**Oral and Poster Presentation Instructions:** The abstract should be typed using 12-point Times New Roman font, and **no more than 500 words**. Please, single space sentences with an extra space between paragraphs; use 1-inch margins. Title should be centered on the first line with the name of the presenter centered on the next line. Submit only one page with the following information as applicable:

1. Statement of the project topic and purpose
2. Literature search, rationale for work, needs assessment information, identify Nursing, EBP or QI models, foundation for intervention
3. Design, methods, sample, setting, procedures, outcome measures
4. Discussion of outcomes
5. Practice recommendations
6. Please indicate whether submitting an abstract for poster or oral presentation

**Additional Requirements for Presenters:** Curriculum vitae, Instructor’s Qualifications form, Outline of Course Content form. Links for these forms can be found at the CON/STTZG webpage.

**Posters:**

1. Boards will be provided
2. Must be free-standing and no larger than 36X48 inches
3. Presenters must register for the conference, set up their own posters and be available to discuss posters with conference attendees
4. Presenters must bring their own push pins to set up posters

\*All presenters are responsible for making travel arrangements and paying travel and accommodations fees

Send Abstracts and required forms to: [sttzgchapter@usouthal.edu](mailto:sttzgchapter@usouthal.edu)

**Registration will be on the day of the conference.**