



**MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**  
**Public Health Conference and Annual Meeting**  
**November 13 – 15, 2024**  
**Vicksburg Convention Center**

## **MPHA CALL FOR ABSTRACT PRESENTATION PROPOSALS**

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

Students and professionals are invited to submit abstracts of their work for presentation at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Public Health Association (MPHA) using the following online submission portal:

[MPHA Conference Abstract Submission Portal](#)



All presentation abstracts must be received by **September 20, 2024, at 11:59 PM**. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed, and participants will be notified of their acceptance status by **September 27, 2024**.

### **PROFESSIONALS:**

MPHA invites professional and academic researchers from all sectors of public health to submit abstracts of their current research.

**To be eligible to present**, professionals must become a **regular member of MPHA prior to the meeting**. Regular membership dues are \$30 per year. Professional presenters must register to attend the conference.

[Click here to become a member of MPHA](#)

### **STUDENTS:**

MPHA invites undergraduate, graduate, and medical students to submit abstracts of their current research. MPHA will accept abstracts for a broad range of topics but does not accept case reports. If selected, students will be given the opportunity to develop their abstract into a poster presentation for the student research competition which will be judged by a panel, and **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded**. Students who participate in the research competition will have their **conference registration fee waived and a gift card that they can apply to their lodging or their poster preparation expenses**.

To be eligible, students must attend a college or university located in Mississippi and/or be an intern with an institution located in the state. Student presenters must become a Student Member of MPHA prior to the Conference (student dues are \$12.00 per year).

[Click here to become a student member of MPHA](#)

## STEPS FOR SUBMISSION:

**Step 1:** Submit your abstract for review by the MPHA Submission Review Committee on or before **9/20/2024 at 11:59 PM** using the form found here:

[MPHA Conference Abstract Submission Portal](#)

Use the FORMATTING GUIDELINES provided within this document to structure your abstract submission.

**Step 2:** An email confirmation will be sent acknowledging receipt of the submission after the deadline.

**Step 3:** Authors of all submissions (students and professionals) will be notified of their proposal acceptance status by 9/27/24.

**Step 4:** If selected, professionals and students will develop their abstract into a poster to be presented at the conference. **Professionals will present their poster on Thursday November 14, 2024. Students will present their posters on Friday November 15, 2024.** The times for the poster sessions will be provided upon acceptance.

## Information Required to be Entered into the Portal

**Title:** Include the title from your project.

**Name of Author(s):** Include the name of each author and their institution/organization.

**Abstract that contains 250 words or less, excluding the title and section headings:**

**Background/Purpose:** Provide a background or purpose (reason) for conducting the research, project, and/or study.

**Methods:** Ensure that methods and materials used to conduct the project are identified.

**Results:** Provide main findings of the project and/or study. This section may also include data analyses.

**Implications for Public Health:** Provide a summary of how the results may be used for future public health practice.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Abstract submissions must contain 250 words or less, excluding title/section headings. In the submission portal you will also be asked to list authors who contributed to the work and their organizational affiliations.

## POSTER PRESENTATION FORMATING GUIDELINES:

Posters should be no more than 3 feet by 4 feet (you may use either landscape or portrait orientation). The poster headings should be the same as in the abstract. Be sure to use a font size that can be read from 4-6 feet away. Posters should be prepared to exhibit on pipe and drape rather than an easel.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Send questions to: [Dfastring@wmcarey.edu](mailto:Dfastring@wmcarey.edu)

Additional Conference information can be found on the MPHA website at [www.mspha.org](http://www.mspha.org).