



Arizona Nurses
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Arizona Nurse Author's Submission Guidelines

Arizona Nurse is a peer reviewed publication of the Arizona Nurses Association. It is distributed to nearly 100,000 nurses in Arizona quarterly.

General Guidelines

- Use clear and concise language in an informal style. Avoid lengthy sentences.
- Give examples from your practice to illustrate your point.
- Use first person as if you were speaking to the reader; "as a busy nurse, you may often..."
- Use active voice. Passive: The patient should be reassured frequently. Active: Reassure the patient frequently.

We are seeking articles in three main categories:

- **Brief reports on implemented evidenced based practice or original research findings**
700 words; APA format for references

Nurses who read Arizona Nurse are searching for articles that describe the implementation of evidenced based practice. Focus your article on the process of implementation of a new intervention or change in your practice. That may include how the problem was identified, successful strategies to gain support within the organization to implement the change, needed staff education or training, improvement of patient outcomes, next steps or lessons learned. Write your article in an understandable and engaging style. Provide references as needed. Due to space limitation, references may be included in print or provided to the reader upon request.

We also publish articles that provide nurses access to nursing research findings. Our readers are looking for authoritative research shared in a straight forward format. Translate the research findings into understandable implications for patient outcomes and/or nursing practice. Use a style that is understandable, engaging and tailored to direct care nurses and managers who are the majority of our readers.

- **Articles on general topics of interest in a variety of service settings**
500 words; APA format for references

Each issue we feature articles on clinical or leadership/management successes. Our readers are always interested in how other nurses solve challenges in their service settings. This may include clinical successes, team building, implementing change, innovative approaches to problem solving, legal or ethical issues, or any other topic you think may be of interest to other nurses. The topic can be in any setting, including acute care, ambulatory care, home health, school nursing, hospice, occupational health or other. Use references as appropriate. A writing style that is engaging and informative appeals to our readership.

- **Art and literature: Joys of Nursing**
300 words

Our readers enjoy submissions that demonstrate the joy of nursing through art and literature. That joy may be expressed in poetry, photography, painting, or a well written glimpse into a moving moment in your practice. Be sure to protect the privacy of patients and families in your submission.

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