

The 2024 National RiteCare Conference is a gathering of Scottish Rite Leaders from both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions alongside a continuing education opportunity for Dyslexia Specialists, Speech-Language Pathologists and graduate students. Southern Jurisdiction's RiteCare Programs and Northern Jurisdiction's Children's Dyslexia Centers gather at one Conference in Omaha, NE in September 2024.

The 2024 Conference is hosted by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska and is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 through Friday, September 27, 2024, in Omaha, Nebraska at the Scott Conference Center.

Call for Presentations

The National RiteCare Conference invites you to submit proposals for presentations on one of the following topics:

- Speech-Language Pathology/Communication Disorders
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Literacy and Dyslexia
- Professional Development, Leadership, Strategic Planning
- Mental Health & Well-Being
- Telehealth
- Interprofessional Collaboration
- Supervision
- Ethics
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Submission Guidelines

The guidelines explain the steps in the submission process, define terms and provide explanations of information required to submit a proposal.

- Complete the form on page 4 of this document, save and email to **mmiritecare@unmc.edu** on or before the deadline of March 15, 2024.
- Presenters will be notified of a Conference Committee decision via email by April 15, 2024.

Criteria for Presentations to Meet ASHA and/or ALTA CEU Requirements

For a Conference Session to be offered for ASHA and/or ALTA CEU's, please see attached submission guidelines. No personal interest session or product sales will qualify.

Registration

All presenters (oral sessions or posters) are required to register for the Conference and are to arrange own travel and hotel accommodations.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

As a presenter of a session offered for ASHA and/or ALTA CEUs, you may claim credit for your own session, earning the same amount of credit as participants.

ASHA: This program is offered for ASHA CEUs at the intermediate level, professional area.

ALTA: Academic Language Therapy Association is an organization of certified academic language therapists who have received training to work specifically with students identified with dyslexia. Application in process for ALTA CEUs.

Oral Presentations

Conference presentations are intended to provide in-depth, continuing education for speech language pathologists, audiologists and dyslexia specialists. Emphasis is on clinical applications and research advances, backed by appropriate levels of evidence. Presentations can be anywhere from 60 – 120 minutes in length. Please indicate your preference for length of session. Based on submissions, requested length may be adjusted.

Poster Presentations

Poster presentations should visually guide viewers through the basics of the study displayed on the poster board while the presenter focuses on the explanation and clarification of the key elements of the work and answers viewers' questions. The poster presentation format is less formal and more interactive than an oral seminar. Poster session will take place in the evening on Wednesday, September 25 and presenters must be present with their poster.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Call for Papers Agreement

For consideration, anyone presenting or listed as an author for presentation, is required to complete a disclosure indicating any financial or non-financial relationship to the content of the session. Presenters should begin their session with a slide and verbal statement indicating their adherence to the agreement and disclosing any potential conflicts. Poster presentations should include a similar written statement on the poster.

Handouts

This will be a paperless conference and no handouts will be available onsite. All handouts will be available on the conference website and should be downloaded prior to the start of each session. Final versions of electronic handouts must be submitted to upload onto the conference website no later than September 12, 2024.

Prepare your Presentation

Please submit your presentation in one of the following formats:

- Microsoft Office Power Point (.ppt | .pptx)
- Adobe Acrobat (.pdf)

Room Setup and Audiovisual Equipment

Oral session rooms are set for maximum participation with basic presentation tools. Each room is set theater-style for maximum capacity, with a standing podium with microphone. Please advise our Conference Committee if you are bringing your own computer with uploaded presentation or require a computer to be available to you and bringing presentation on your own flash drive. The Scott Conference Center offers complimentary basic wireless internet. Hard-wired Internet access for presenters is not provided in session rooms.

Each room is equipped with:

- Projection equipment appropriate to the size of the room
- A screen appropriate to the size of the room
- A podium with a microphone

Accessibility

The 2024 Conference is committed to making the conference accessible and working to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Presenters who need special accommodation or equipment to participate should send an email in advance to mmiritecare@unmc.edu to help us provide you the best possible experience.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the 2024 National RiteCare Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the Scottish Rite supported 2024 National RiteCare Conference. **Please provide the following information:**

PRESENTER INFORMATION

Presenter Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Affiliation: _____

Biographical Summary / Sketch (200 words or less):

Additional Presenter Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Affiliation: _____

Biographical Summary / Sketch (200 words or less):

PRESENTATION DETAILS

Presentation Title: _____

Type of Presentation (select one - or both, if willing to present either format): Oral Poster

Requested Length of Presentation (can select more than one): 60 min. 90 min. 120 min.

Description of the presentation (300 words or less):

Following this presentation, the participant will be able to (list 2-3 learning objectives):

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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