



Request for Speaker Proposal

The 2024 Oregon and Washington State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Conference Planning Team is accepting speaker proposals. Scheduled for April 14-16 in Tacoma, Washington at the Murano Hotel, the conference will bring together an estimated 250-400 food and nutrition professionals.

Presentations will reflect cutting-edge research and practical applications, with a special emphasis on interactive sessions and advanced-level learning. Proposals are being accepted for general and concurrent sessions (April 15 and 16), as well as a pre-convention workshop(s) for April 14th.

Section I: General Guidelines

- All proposals are due on or before **August 15, 2023**, by electronic submission to the e-mail address (and via the submission link) shown in Section IV.
- See section II for specific topics that the planning team is seeking for sessions.
- Only advanced sessions (Level II or III) in all suggested topic areas will be accepted. Proposed speakers should be seasoned professionals with experience in presenting the topic(s) to large professional groups.
 - Category II: Assumes that the participant has general knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is to enhance knowledge and application.
 - Category III: Assumes the participant has a thorough knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is a synthesis of recent advances and future directions.
- Up to two (2) submissions per individual will be reviewed. Up to 2 speakers per session will be considered.
- Incomplete proposals (including submission of a resume or CV) will not be reviewed.
- All conflicts of interest must be fully disclosed at the time of proposal submission.

Section II: Speaker Topics & Format

- The Washington State Conference speaker selection committee is open to a wide array of topics (see above information regarding advanced sessions), including but not limited to:
 - Clinical counseling skills
 - Community nutrition and wellness
 - Cultural competency
 - Diabetes
 - Diversity/inclusion/equity/access
 - Ethics
 - Food insecurity/hunger prevention
 - Food allergies
 - GI disorders
 - Leadership skills – leading teams
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy – hot topics
 - Nutrition and healthy aging
 - Policy/advocacy in action
 - Weight management – use of new medications

Section III: Evaluation Criteria

- Topic relevancy and cutting-edge or new information, the proposal's overall relevance to the identified topic areas, as well as the importance and benefit to Oregon and Washington State members.
- Applicant's experience in practice, research, or presentation in the topic area.
- Financial considerations (honorarium, travel). The planning team anticipates that the maximum honorariums will be \$500 for keynote and \$250 for breakout sessions. Travel is negotiable – estimated costs must be part of your submission.

Section IV: Requirements and Notification

All of the following are required:

1. Completed 2024 Convention Speaker Proposal Online Form [here](#).
2. Curriculum vitae, or bio and resume, for every proposed speaker.

Please limit curriculum vitae to four (4) pages maximum and email to wsand@guidnunc.net. Your file name should be your last name with first initial – CV (jones,d – CV.doc)

The Planning Committee will begin discussions with proposed speakers in late August.
Notification of decision on all submissions will be sent via e-mail by late September.