Reminder Early Bird Registration Deadline is midnight Central Standard Time (CST) February 3rd


Registration is open, the early-bird registration deadline is midnight Central Standard Time (CST) February 3, 2012. We strongly urge you to register by this date to take advantage of the early-bird discounts.

Preliminary conference information is available on the SNRS Annual Conference Web page. The SNRS Program Planning Committee has planned a full program with scholarly papers, symposia, poster discussion sessions, posters, plenary sessions, and networking sessions.

Make plans to join us mid afternoon on Wednesday February 22, 2012 for our pre-conferences, or stay after the conference ends on Saturday, February 25, 2012 for the doctoral student post-conference. Students may register for any of the pre-conferences or the doctoral post-conference for only $50. What a bargain for these sessions organized by experts in the field.
Pre-conferences are scheduled to begin at 2 PM on Wednesday, allowing participants to arrive late morning, thus avoiding any Mardi Gras activities.

Pre-conference offerings

Workshop 1: From Bench to Curbside: Developing Academic-Community Partnerships
Sponsored by the Minority Health Research Interest Group (RIG), this workshop will introduce methods and strategies to develop academic-community partnerships in preparation for successful research with minority groups. The preconference will incorporate concepts developed by the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), College of Nursing, Center for Community Health Partnerships. Topics that will be discussed include how to assess compatibility and suitability of the partners for conducting a research project together, availability of the partner’s time and resources, capacity and competencies of each member of the partnership, and management of day to day operations.

Workshop 2: Health Services Research in Nursing
Sponsored by the Health Services Research Interest Group (RIG), this workshop will examine the origins of health services research in general and health services research in nursing. Popular theoretical frameworks used in health services research will be discussed, along with examining secondary data sources. Workshop presenters will also discuss how to turn existing data sources into an analytical dataset, as well as discussing analytical issues.

Workshop 3: Writing for Publication
Back by popular demand, this workshop will be presented by experienced journal editors. The publication process, roles and responsibilities of the author, reviewer, editor and publisher, strategies for planning, writing, and submitting manuscripts will be discussed. Pitfalls in publishing will be examined. Come learn about successful publishing tips.

Post-conference offering

Workshop 4: Doctoral Student Workshop
A very popular workshop, developed and organized by your SNRS Student Network. Nursing leaders will be discussing career options for the PhD nurse, NIH funding mechanisms, and mentoring. A bonus this year, Salimetrics will be providing lunch for the post conference. Join us after the end of the conference for this great post conference designed especially for students.

Remember students pay only $50 for each pre or post conference. What a great bargain to hear from leaders in nursing.

The 26th Annual Conference is hosted by the LSUHSC, School of Nursing.

NINR - Meet the Funders in Person
National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR): Meet the Funders in Person

Are you planning or considering a grant application submission to NINR in the future? NINR staff consultants will be available during the SNRS 2012 conference in New Orleans for meetings with investigators. Conference participants will be able to sign up for meeting times with the NINR consultants after February 3, 2012 (information on how to sign up will be sent in a future E-Blast). If you are interested in meeting with one of the NINR consultants, please develop a one page brief synopsis of your proposed research plan (specific aims, projected sample, measures, etc). This one page synopsis will be forwarded to NINR, so that they may prepare for your consultation session at the SNRS 2012 conference. Students, beginning and seasoned investigators are invited to participate.

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Local Transportation Information

Cabs and Taxis

Big on atmosphere and ambiance, New Orleans is actually a geographically small town, which makes most journeys by cab very affordable. A cross-town ride from your French Quarter/downtown hotel to an
uptown jazz club or neighborhood restaurant is typically under $20, and a safe, fast way to get from point A to point B if you're unsure of streetcar or bus stop locations along the way. You'll find taxis indispensable when trekking out to such favorite local spots as Mid-City Lanes Rock N' Bowl or Vaughan's in the Bywater District.

A cab ride costs $33.00 from the airport to the Central Business District (CBD) for one person and $14.00 (per passenger) for three or more passengers. Pick-up is on the lower level, outside the baggage claim area. There may be an additional charge for extra baggage.

Below are cab companies currently servicing the New Orleans area. While you can often find a cab stand near a major hotel, be sure to call ahead during peak visitor seasons like Jazzfest and Mardi Gras.

- Checker-Yellow 504-943-2411
- Coleman Cab Co. 504-586-0222
- New Breed Cab Co. 504-822-4505
- United Cabs Co. 504-522-9771
- White Fleet Cab Co. 504-822-3800
- Yellow-Checker Cabs 504-525-3311

**Airport Shuttle Service**

Airport Shuttle is the official ground transportation for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Shuttle service is available to and from downtown New Orleans hotels, French Quarter, and the Convention Center, every day of the year (except from 2 AM - 3:30 AM), with vans departing approximately every 30 minutes.

**Purchasing Tickets**

You can purchase ticket(s) in person at the Airport Shuttle Ticket Desk, located on the ground level of the airport across from baggage claim areas 3, 6 and 12, or make a reservation by calling (866) 596-2699 once you have your flight information. They accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover (and cash if you're paying in person at the airport location).

If you're purchasing your ticket(s) at the airport, please claim your luggage FIRST. For Departure Reservations (from downtown New Orleans back to the airport) please call (504) 522-3500 or (866) 596-2699 no later than 24 hours prior to your flight.

**Costs and Fine Print**

- $20 one-way, $38 round trip for adults and children 6 and older; children under 6 ride free
- The first three average-sized bags per passenger are free. Oversized or additional luggage is subject to an additional fee. (Please Note: Our vehicles cannot handle equipment or large items.)
- Travelers must provide their own child car seats or booster seats. Airport Shuttle does not provide child car or booster seats.
- Shuttle tickets are non-refundable

Handicap accessible vehicles are available, but require a 1-week reservation prior to arrival. For more information or reservations, please call (866) 596-2699 or visit online at [www.airportshuttleneworleans.com](http://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com).

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 2, 2012**

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside**
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Phone: 504-561-0500
Fax: 504-568-1721

The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana. A special rate has been arranged. Call 1-504-561-0500 to make reservations. Please mention SNRS to receive the special rate of $219 single/double (plus taxes). The reservation cut-off date is **February 2, 2012**.
thereafter the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis only at the current market rate.

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