



***The Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
will be in Warrensville Heights (Cleveland area), Ohio, April 11, 2025***

We are seeking proposals from speakers for educational sessions for this year's Annual Conference. Along with education sessions, this event will provide mainstays of the OAND Conference experience: exposure to nutrition and dietetics related products and services, awards and recognition for members from various practice areas, special sessions for students, and networking—all essential for advancing careers. We are striving to achieve a higher level of engagement and interaction between speakers and the audience at this year's conference and therefore are seeking proposals for educational sessions focused on practical application of research and insight into emerging research and trends that will capture the broad interests of RDNs, NDTRs, and dietetics students in Ohio and beyond.

**Please review this Speaker RFP before completing the online form (Survey Monkey).**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFFXMG9>**

## Speaker RFP Overview

Proposals for educational sessions that focus upon this year's theme, *"Science-Driven Nutrition: Using STEM to Shape the Future of Dietetics,"* will be given priority consideration. This theme recognizes that our profession has its foundation in Science, Technology, the Engineering of Health through Food and Clinical and Culinary Mathematics. We want to challenge the presenter to give us new perspectives, possibilities, and partnerships within the field of nutrition and dietetics. The theme should be reflected in the proposals. Please submit one proposal on behalf of all speakers/panelists included in one session. Indicate all relevant information for all included participants.

If you are a polished speaker with new research-based content to share with our attendees—who has not presented at our conference the past two years—please consider submitting a proposal. All proposals must be submitted online through the submission portal, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024. **No e-mailed proposals will be accepted.**

Please review the detailed guidelines on the following pages before submitting your proposal.

## Presentation Style and Format

- We anticipate that most sessions will have a lecture component, and will consider variations in the length of the lecture portion and audience engagement strategies. Some format ideas include but are not limited to, lecture plus panel discussion with other professionals involved in the treatment or intervention, group workshop format, culinary lecture and demonstration, etc.
- Each session will run 60 minutes—for those following a traditional lecture format it is critical you leave at least 15 minutes for moderated Q&A.

# General Guidelines

- All proposals must be submitted online.
- Proposals are due by **5:00 pm on Friday, October 4, 2024.**
- Late and/or Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
- Sponsored speakers/sessions will be considered; be sure to indicate how your content will be educational and not commercial and meet the theme of the Conference.
- If the speaker is not sponsored, the Ohio Academy offers the following standard speaker package, however, we reserve the right to negotiate compensation when there are multiple panel members with different levels of responsibility to the presentation:
  - Complimentary conference registration
  - Honorarium of \$200
  - Travel up to \$300 with receipts

## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed and scored by members of the Conference Committee based on the following criteria:

- **Quality:** What is the overall quality of the proposal? Is it grounded in science? How clear is the writing?
- **Relevance:** Is the topic timely? Does the proposal address a cutting-edge concern for dietetics practitioners? Does it speak to all nutrition professionals (i.e. RDNs, NDTRs, etc.)?
- **Originality:** Does the proposal provide an innovative perspective or a unique approach to the topic?
- **Speaker:** Is the speaker a recognized expert in this topic area based on years of experience, research, or education? Will the speaker use a dynamic presentation style to engage the audience?

## Proposal Requirements

Proposals must be submitted using the Survey Monkey online proposal submission form. A complete proposal must include all of the following components, which are fields you will fill out when you complete the online form:

- Session Title
- Session Abstract
  - 75 words or less, to be used for marketing purposes. This should entice the audience to choose your session.
- Learning Objectives (list 3)
  - After attending this session, the participant will be able to...
- Performance Indicators (list 3)
  - Options: [https://admin.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/New\\_CDR\\_Competencies\\_2021.pdf](https://admin.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/New_CDR_Competencies_2021.pdf)

- CPE Level (Note: priority will be given for presentations that are Level 2 or 3)
  - 1: Assumes that the participant has little or no prior knowledge of the area(s) covered.
  - 2: Assumes that the participant has general knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered.
  - 3: Assumes that the participant has thorough knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered.
- Session Format
  - Lecture, panel discussion, group workshop, culinary demonstration, etc.
- Areas of Focus for Conference
  - AI: in all areas of practice, technology use in nutrition practice: informatics/CT/Ultrasound/Indirect calorimetry/etc., IDEA: Inclusion/diversity/equity/accessibility, foodservice / management – innovation
- Primary Session Focus (select one)
  - Clinical nutrition, community nutrition, culinary skills, counseling, entrepreneurship, professional development, diversity/equity/inclusion
  - Some topics that have been of interest to Ohio dietitians recently are:
    - Pediatrics, nutrition in public health challenges, food insecurity, ethical and responsible social media presence, GI health, malnutrition, dementia, body image/eating disorders, sports nutrition, dysphagia, surgical nutrition, NFPE, diabetes, weight management, plant-based nutrition, sustainability, and resume writing/interviewing skills,
- Secondary Session Focus (select one, if applicable)
  - Clinical nutrition, community nutrition, culinary skills, counseling, entrepreneurship, professional development, diversity/equity/inclusion
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    - Pediatrics, nutrition in public health challenges, food insecurity, ethical and responsible social media presence, GI health, malnutrition, dementia, body image/eating disorders, sports nutrition, dysphagia, surgical nutrition, NFPE, diabetes, weight management, and resume writing/interviewing skills.
- Sponsor Information (if applicable)
  - Contact name, sponsoring company, email address, phone number
- Speaker information
  - Name and credentials, to appear in the conference program and for marketing purposes
  - Position and affiliation
  - Contact information, including mailing address, phone, and email
  - Twitter handle, if applicable
  - Bio (65 words or less, to be used for marketing purposes and speaker introduction at conference, if the proposal is accepted)
  - Educational degree(s)
  - Certification/licensure
  - Professional position, current and previous employment
  - AND member? OAND member? OAND 2023 or 2024 speaker? Identify as BIPOC?
  - Photo/video/recording release
  - Agreement to provide in-person or virtual presentation (if needed) if selected with speaker package described.
  - Photo upload (JPG/JPEG, 16MB or less)

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**For Questions, Contact Jeannine Windbigler, Executive Director, OAND  
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