

Call for Proposals: 106th OAND Annual Conference, April 9, 2027

Theme: *Building Bridges Through Nutrition: Connecting Mind, Community, and Practice*

The Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 106th Annual Conference will be at the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, 2027.

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/VKXMBQL>

Speaker RFP Overview

Our 2027 conference theme, "*Building Bridges Through Nutrition: Connecting Mind, Community, and Practice*", is centered around connecting nutrition professionals from various disciplines across Ohio. We are seeking speakers who can share their expertise, research, or innovative practices to help create an engaging and impactful program for attendees.

All completed proposals will be evaluated by the committee and we welcome you to submit your ideas for consideration. Our conference location, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College has the facilities for hosting culinary demonstrations. We encourage submission of hands-on or interactive demonstration sessions. The conference committee has identified the following potential topics as areas of interest for the conference, but again is open to proposals of all types:

- Pediatrics
- Public Health
- Eating Disorders
- Preconception Nutrition
- Sports Nutrition
- Weight Management, Diabetes Management, and GLP-1s
- Culinary Nutrition, "Food as Medicine"
- Artificial Intelligence
- Culinary Education and Practice

Please **submit one proposal per session**, including all speakers or panelists. Be sure to provide complete information for each participant. All proposals must be submitted online through the submission portal, and must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 2, 2026. ***No emailed proposals will be accepted.***

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

Presentation Style and Format

- Most sessions will include a lecture component, with flexibility in length and audience engagement. Formats may include panel discussion workshops, culinary demonstrations, or other interactive approaches.
- 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 2, 2026**.
- 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 \$215
 - 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:** Is the proposal well-written, clearly presented, and grounded in science?
- **Relevance:** Does the topic address current and emerging issues in nutrition and dietetics? Is it applicable to a broad range of professionals (i.e. RDNs, NDTRs, nutrition students, dietetic interns)?
- **Originality:** Does the proposal offer an innovative perspective or a unique approach to the topic?
- **Speaker:** Is the speaker a recognized expert through experience, research, or education? Will they engage the audience with a dynamic presentation style?

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must be submitted using the Survey Monkey online proposal submission form.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKXMBQL> A complete proposal must include the following components, which are fields in 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)
 - Reference the [2025-2030 Essential Practice Competencies](#)

- 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.
- List of references or a bibliography (Speaker 1)
- Session Format
 - Lecture, panel discussion, group workshop, culinary demonstration, etc.
- Areas of Focus for Conference
 - Clinical Nutrition
 - Community Nutrition
 - Entrepreneurial
 - Food and Nutrition Management
 - Research
 - Industry
- 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
 - Bio which includes degrees and universities (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
 - List of references or a bibliography (Speakers 2-4)
 - AND member? OAND member? OAND 2025 or 2026 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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