

Call for Poster Presentations

**MAHPERD Convention
DCU Center, Worcester, MA
Monday, November 6, 2017**



MAHPERD is inviting all **undergraduate students, graduate students, and current k-12 Physical, Health, Recreation, and Dance Educators** to participate in a poster presentation session Monday, November 6, 2017. A poster session is an opportunity to discuss a topic with peers in an informal setting, similar to an exhibit hall or information fair. Poster presentations may be research (completed or in progress) or a project-based visual presentation and should include useful information that stimulates discussion. Attendees of the session will explore and discuss poster topics with the poster presenter.

Deadline to Submit: Friday October 27th 2017

Send submissions to:

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Please include, 1) an attachment of your poster 2) as well, the following in your email submission:

1. Author (s):
2. Title of Poster:
3. Brief description of the focus of your poster:
4. Primary author email:
5. Please mark one): Grad _____ Undergrad _____ Teacher _____
6. Area of concentration (Circle): Physical Education Health Recreation Dance
7. Institution/School:

Poster Tips & Guidelines

- 1) Keep poster simple and uncluttered (i.e. jargon-free terms). Your poster should explain:
 - 1) the topic/problem in mind (*what's the question?*), (See I, a & b below)
 - 2) its significance (*why should we care?*), (See # I, c below)
 - 3) how your particular approach/experiment addresses the problem (*what's your strategy?*), (See I, c & d below)
 - 4) the action performed (*what did you actually do?*), (See I, c & d below)
 - 5) the results (*what did you actually find?*), (See I, e below)
 - 6) the conclusions. (See I, f below)
- 2) Preferred poster size: 54" by 36" posters are most appropriate. A color backing to these sheets will help the visual presentation of the material.
- 3) Include a title, institution or organization name, author's name, and a very brief summary so that participants will know at a glance if your topic is of interest to them. Often the summary will be in the upper left-hand corner. Identifying title and name (s) should appear in top center.

Poster sections

- I. Your poster should include the following headings for each section: Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion. Please see below for the suggested content guidelines.
 - a. **Title.** What is the student's research project; his or her name, department's name and specific program of affiliation.
 - b. **Abstract.** A summary of the project, highlighting the most notable parts about it. Although the intent is for it to be read first, the abstract should be written last, upon completion of the research project. There should be a clear purpose, an overview of the methods used, outcomes, and implications of your study. The length should be 1 to 2 paragraphs or approximately 300 words. Copies (20) of the abstract should be available for individuals attending the poster session.

- c. **Introduction.** Stating clearly what the research question or problem was, the introduction should provide a synopsis of the pertinent research studies as a basis for the study and should end with a succinct purpose statement.
- d. **Method.** Here the procedures or methodology or carrying out the study should be identified. Who were the participants or subjects, and what instruments were used or means (measurements, treatments, or protocols) to conduct the research. At the end of this section you should describe the analysis of data.
- e. **Results/Outcomes.** Describe what the major findings were stemming from the research study. Figures, charts and tables, may be used as an illustration.
- f. **Discussion/Implications.** This is the 'juice' of your project. Here is your opportunity to use your own words in order to explain in as simple a language possible why was your study meaningful and what may the practitioners in your field benefit from either reading it or extending / replicating your study.

- II. Make the text readable from approx 5 feet. Use 36 font sizes. Use only one or two fonts; do not use all capitals, which are more difficult to read. Use bullets for your main points. Details can be included in the conversation, on a handout, or on a web site that can be visited during or after the poster sessions.
- III. Make the poster visually interesting. Use color, graphics, photos, and other visuals to illustrate your topic. Be sure to use calm, contrasting, and complementary colors and enough empty space between the poster elements to make the layout easy on the eyes.
- IV. Design poster in column format allowing attendee to read vertically first, top to bottom, and the left to right.
- V. Plan on being present to discuss and answer questions about your poster with attendees. Your presence is critical to the success of the poster presentation.