



Call for STUDENT Poster Presentations 2025 GRHA Annual Conference

The Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA) invites AHEC Scholars, public health and medical students from Georgia institutions to submit proposals for poster presentations at the 2025 GRHA Annual Conference, taking place September 17-19, 2025, at the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort in St. Simons Island, GA.

The abstract submission period is open from **March 1 to June 13, 2025**. Selected posters will be prominently showcased at the **GRHA Annual Conference**, where presenters will have the chance to engage with attendees and answer questions. Conference participants will review the posters, evaluate them using a provided rubric, and vote for their top three choices. The winning posters will be recognized with an award at the conference's conclusion.

Poster submission guidelines: Abstracts should have a research, practice, program or policy focus that aims to advance the health of rural populations. Acceptable abstracts may include but are not limited to epidemiological studies, health interventions, policy analysis, workforce initiatives or innovative healthcare solutions.

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline: **June 13, 2025**

Notification of Acceptance: **July 18, 2025**

Confirmation of Attendance: **August 1, 2025**

General Guidelines:

Title: 15 words or fewer

Presenter(s) Information: Name, Institution/Affiliation, Email Address, and Degree/Credentials

Additional Presenter Information: Name, Institution/Affiliation, Email Address, and Degree/Credentials

Brief Program Description (35-65 words): Provide a clear and engaging summary of your presentation. If accepted, this description will appear in the conference information.

Abstract (300 words or fewer): Suggested components: Background, methods, results or anticipated results, conclusion, keywords (up to 7). Do not include any self-identifying information. Abstracts may focus on research, practice, programs, or policy.

Learning Objective: Each presenter must have one measurable learning objective.

Poster Presentation Selection:

- All submitted poster presentations will be reviewed and judged by members of the GRHA board.
- Selected presenters will be notified by **July 18, 2025**, regarding their acceptance to present at the annual conference.
- During the conference, attendees will evaluate the posters using a provided rubric and vote for their top three selections.
- The three highest-rated posters will be honored with an award at the conclusion of the conference.

GRHA Annual Conference Information:

Join us in St. Simons Island for the 2025 GRHA Annual Conference, where rural healthcare leaders, providers educators, and advocates will lead engaging keynote speeches, interactive workshops, and dynamic discussions. Held September 17-19, 2025, at the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort, this event brings together professionals dedicated to advancing rural health. The Georgia Rural Association (GRHA), the oldest state rural health association, has been a driving force since 1981, uniting healthcare providers, educators, and advocates in a shared mission to improve health outcomes and healthcare services for rural Georgians. We are excited to introduce a ***dedicated student track*** at this year's conference, featuring speakers and discussions focused on practicing in healthcare in rural Georgia, loan repayment and scholarship opportunities, professional development and networking with healthcare leaders, mentors, and peers in rural health.

Conference Information:

Candidates whose posters are chosen will receive a discounted conference registration fee of \$50. All successful candidates are required to register for the conference. Presenters are accountable for covering all travel and accommodation expenses. Each presenter must bring one poster measuring 36 x 48 for display and presentation. GRHA will supply all necessary display materials, including a designated poster display aisle, clips and board backing to ensure your poster is properly mounted and presented.

[2025 GRHA Annual Conference Registration](#)

Use code STUDENT25 for discounted \$50 registration (regular price \$349)

Room reservation link:

[Reserve Your Room Here](#)

Poster Presentation Submissions:

To apply, please complete: [Google Form](#)

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SAMPLE POSTER TEMPLATE (Guide Only)

Poster Title

Author Names

Institution/Organization

INTRODUCTION

Section Header

METHODS

Section Header

DISCUSSION

Section Header

2025 GRHA Student Poster Presentation Rubric

| Scale 1-5 | Clarity | Content | Impact |
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| 5 | Grabs viewers' attention, extremely well organized and easy to follow, includes graphics and visuals to enhance presentation, word content well balanced. | Title/Problem unify content, very easily understood, and followed, components follow in logical sequence, no unnecessary detail, conclusion very well supported by content. | Presentation represents significant potential impact to population health. Viewers may be inspired to adopt similar programs. |
| 4 | Attracts viewers' attention, well-organized and easy to follow, graphics and visuals are included, word content does not detract from presentation. | Title/Problem support content, which is easily understood, components follow sequentially, limited unnecessary detail, conclusion well supported by content. | Presentation has potential to impact population health. Viewers may consider similar projects in their own institutions. |
| 3 | Easily approached, organized with content that can be followed, with some graphics or visual components, word content could be reduced. | Title/Problem relate adequately to understandable content, some unnecessary detail may be included, components support the conclusion. | Presentation may benefit population health. Viewers give thought to possible benefit of the project. |
| 2 | Viewable with some effort, content can be followed with some effort, may not include graphics or visual components, overly wordy. | Title/Problem may not adequately relay content, which may take effort to understand. Unnecessary details included; conclusion not fully supported by content. | Presentation not clearly of benefit to population health. Viewers are uncertain whether project could be of value. |
| 1 | Fails to capture viewers' attention, difficult to follow content, with no graphics or visual components, word content makes poster difficult to navigate. | Title/Problem not connected to content, which is difficult to understand. Many unnecessary or irrelevant details. Conclusion not supported by content. | Presentation unlikely to beneficially impact population health. Viewers leave without interest in considering a similar project. |