

Research Proposal Format and Instructions

- I. Title and Abstract.
A title page and an abstract of no greater than 100 words must accompany the proposal. The abstract should include a succinct description of the proposed project including the overall objective of the project, the methods to be used in the project and the relevance of the project to nursing.

- II. Narrative Proposal (*not to exceed 5 single-spaced pages, typeface no smaller than 12 point, 1" margins on all sides*)
 - Part 1. The Problem.
 - A. Statement of the problem or research question
 - B. Significance of the problem to nursing
 - C. Selected relevant literature
 - D. Hypotheses if appropriate to research question and design
 - E. Theoretical framework, if appropriate to research question and design
 - F. Theoretical and operational definitions, if appropriate to research question and design

 - Part 2. Methods.
 - A. Research design
 - B. Instrumentation (including psychometric evidence) as appropriate
 - C. Sample, sample size, and sampling strategy
 - D. Data collection procedures
 - E. Data analysis procedures

 - Part 3. References and Appendices (not included in the 5 page limit)
 - A. Cited literature
 - B. Letters of support, data collection forms, and copies of instruments as appropriate to the project
 - C. Investigator(s) curriculum vitae

 - Part 4. Budget (*funds are not available for salary expenses of the PI or other members of the research team; indirect costs are not allowed under this grant program*)
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Supplies
 - C. Other