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From

The Registrar i/c.,
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To

All Principal of Colleges of Nursing.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Tamilnadu Nurses and Midwives Council, Chennai – Starting a portal
“**Nurses Research Archives**” in the Council website -- Requesting
Research studies / abstracts for “**Nurses Research Archives**” - Reg.

Greetings from Tamilnadu Nurses and Midwives Council.

Nursing, as an evidence-based area of practice, which has been developing since the time of Florence Nightingale to the present day. Nursing education in India places emphasis upon the research process in the curricula and promotes the application of it through mandatory research projects conducted by the under graduate and post graduate students.

In our State, the number of nursing institutions have increased in the recent past. All the research studies conducted by the M.Sc.Nursing students do not get published. Their dissertations usually remain stacked in their own college and university libraries, not even available for reference to the nurse researchers within the State / Country.

It is a felt need of the nursing scholars to have a dedicated database for nursing research and the **Tamilnadu Nurses and Midwives Council** has taken the initiative to facilitate:

- Access of current research abstracts and the details of completed research work
- Identification of thrust areas of nursing research and the lacunae
- Advancement of Evidence based practice in Nursing through research utilization.

To begin the initiative the Principals of Colleges of Nursing are requested to forward the full text articles of the completed research work by their organization and by the nursing students to this Council to create a database of ‘**Nurses Research Archives**’ and make the abstracts / studies available on its website www.tamilnadunursingcouncil.com.

You may kindly abide to this and send us all those studies done during the past five years in your college to the following email id: tncnursesresearcharchives@gmail.com or in a CD according to the format as given below:

The guidelines for forwarding Abstract / Full text research Articles:

- The research articles must be sent only through e-mail or in a CD along with necessary details.
- It should be typed, double-spaced and in a 12-point font. Times New Roman is the recommended font to use.
- Full text research articles are typically expected to consist of the following sections (and in this order) typed in A4 size portrait page layout not exceeding 12 pages including the references section.

Title

Abstract

Introduction

Materials & Methods (Including research design, sampling, data collection tools and methods)

Results and Discussion including Tables (if used) and Figures (if used)

Discussion

References

- **The title** of the research article must be typed along with the authors' name and designation and official address, which are meant for publication on the first page of the article.
- **Abstract** according to the APA style manual, an abstract should be between 150 to 250 words. The abstract should also be written as only one paragraph with no indentation. It should state the objectives of the study, describe the materials and methods employed, and summarize results and primary conclusions.
- **Structure** the full text article in the IMRAD format. **IMRAD (Introduction, Methods, Research [and] Discussion)** is a mnemonic for a common format used for research papers.
- Begin with a brief **Introduction**, and then continue on with a summary of the **Methods Results** and **Discussion** sections with conclusion and add references written in APA style at the end.
- **The introduction** should establish the existing state of knowledge of the research topic and then identify the specific focus of your work.
- **The methods** section should include description of research design, sampling, tools and their psychometric properties and the data collection tools methods used in their study.
- **Results** section describes the results of the research work and includes a summary of the data found in the tables and figures. Construct tables and figures **before** writing the Results section. Include a summary of each table/figure in the Results section. Number tables and figures in the same sequence as they are first mentioned in the text. Figures include graphs, maps, photos, and technical diagrams.
- **Discussion** section is often the most challenging section to write. In this section interpret the data and draw conclusions regarding the hypothesis. Key findings should be emphasized first. Compare your results and interpretation to other studies in the primary literature. Provide explanations of any unexpected results and describe any problems encountered during the experiment.

- **References** Each of the references cited in your manuscript (in the Introduction, Discussion, etc.) must be listed in the references section. Avoid listing uncited references! It should be in APA style.
- **Note:** Tables and boxes do not need to be submitted as image files; they can be submitted as part of the manuscript Word document.

We anticipate your kind support for this great endeavour.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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