

Guidelines for structured abstracts to be published in the Proceedings of the 2017 Australian Conference on Science and Mathematics Education (23rd Annual UniServe Science Conference)

Deadlines

- The deadline for initial submission of abstracts is **2 June 2017**, in the correct electronic form.

Logistics

- All abstracts submitted must adhere to this format.
- Abstracts should be submitted in MS Word or Rich Text format, do not submit as pdf file
- UniServe Science reserves the right to undertake editorial changes in regard to formatting, length of abstract and consistency.
- We ask that you DO NOT use *EndNote* for referencing as we may not be able to format your abstract for the proceedings if *EndNote* is used.
- Please include your selected conference theme at the top of the document (as indicated in the template).
- Please include the following at the bottom of your abstract in Arial, 8pt, left justified
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Bulleted lists should be left justified and should use small filled squares for bullets.

Accepted File Formats

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The title for your paper should be in Arial, 20pt and bold, left justified and in capital letters. Place one blank line (12pt not bold) after the title. There should be no separate title page.

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After the title, give the name of each author followed with a superscript letter which corresponds to their further information.

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The word "Keywords" should be Arial 12pt bold and capital followed by a colon. The keywords for the paper should follow in Arial 10pt. List at least 3 keywords.

An example is shown below:

KEYWORDS: collaborative learning, generic attributes, quantitative analysis, online learning

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Please use no more than 3 levels of heading and ensure they are applied consistently. The first level heading should be left justified, Arial 12pt bold and capital. The second level heading should be left justified, Arial 10pt bold and capital. The third level heading should be left justified, Arial 10pt bold italic.

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All reference to software should be given in italics. For example, *WebCT*.

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Please avoid abbreviations such as labs, exams, tutes.

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Chapters in Books

McKenzie, H., Boughton, M., Hayes, L., & Forsyth, S. (2008). Explaining the complexities and value of nursing practice and knowledge. In I. Morley & M. Crouch (Eds.), *Knowledge as value: Illumination through critical prisms* (pp. 209-224). New Jersey: Rodopi.

Articles published in conference proceedings

Edge, M. (1996). Lifetime prediction: Fact or fancy? In M. S. Koch, T. Padfield, J. S. Johnsen, & U. B. Kejser (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Conference on Research Techniques in Photographic Conservation* (pp. 97-100). Copenhagen, Denmark: Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts.

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Breen, R., Lindsay, R., Jenkins, A., & Smith, P. (2001). The role of information and communication technologies in a university learning environment. *Studies in Higher Education*, 26(1), 95-114.

Webpage with an author

Welch, N. (2000, February 21). *Toward an understanding of the determinants of rural health*. Retrieved January 9, 2002, from <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/welch.htm>

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ANCI national competency standards for the Registered Nurse and the Enrolled Nurse (2000). Retrieved January 28, 2002, from <http://www.anci.org.au/competencystandards.htm>

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Swanson, H.L. (1999). What develops in working memory? A life span perspective [Electronic version]. *Developmental Psychology*, 35, 986-1000.