The RN-BSN Program at Broward College is now accepting abstracts for a poster presentation at our Third Annual RN Student Day Conference – “The Impact of the Nursing Shortage on the Culturally Diverse South Florida Population”. Abstracts must be postmarked by October 20, 2014, and authors will be notified of the review committee’s decision by October 24, 2014. Confirmation of participation must be received no later than November 1, 2014. Please see specific information related to poster size, etc., below. Presenters are responsible for their own expenses related to the conference.

### Abstract Guidelines

1. Abstracts must be typed single spaced in font size 11 or 12 not to exceed 350 words.
2. Two copies of the abstract should be submitted via email attachment as word documents to Arlene Ritchie aritchie@broward.edu. She will send a return email to validate receipt.
3. One abstract copy should include author’s name and contact information and a second abstract copy should not have any author identification.
4. Author identification should include name, credentials, mailing address, work phone, and e-mail address.
5. Include the following information at the top of the abstract page: a) identify if this is completed research, research in progress, innovative educational project or innovative clinical project, b) describe IRB approval status and by whom, if required, and c) identify any funding source.
6. Research and innovative clinical/educational project abstracts should include the following sections: title, purpose/aim, methodology, results and implications for nursing.

### Program Information

**Program Objectives**: Upon completion of this program, participants shall be able to identify and discuss how cultural perceptions affect nurse-patient interactions:

- Describe how nurses can function effectively as an organization in a culturally diverse workplace.
- Discuss how diversity involves self-perception and perception of others.
- Employ proven strategies in communication that foster adaptability and change.
- Utilize organizational resources that foster diversity in the workplace.

**Topics**: There will be a panel discussion to include the following

- South Florida’s Nursing Shortage
- Functioning as a professional in a culturally diverse workplace
- Diversity and its effect on perception of self and others
- Strategies in communication which foster adaptability
- Culturally diverse professional organizations as resources

**Target Audience**: Participants in this RN Student Day Conference will be registered nurses, nursing students and faculty, community partners, leaders in health care, nurse administrators and researchers, legislators, specialty nursing organizations, the local community and vendors.

**Deadline**: October 29, 2014