

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Objective:

The objective of the Medical Student Research Day is to celebrate Burrell College research accomplishments and to provide medical students with an opportunity to present their research to fellow peers and faculty.

Eligibility:

- The research must be conducted at Burrell College or an affiliated institution, or under the guidance of a Burrell College faculty member.
- The abstract must comply with the submission guidelines and must be submitted electronically through the online form. Abstracts may not be accepted if formatted incorrectly.
- The information presented in the abstract and presentation must be the work conducted by the researchers.

Deadline for submission:

- July 8, 2021, at 11:59 PM

Instructions:

1. Although it is expected that mentors will provide guidance, abstracts must be written by students.
2. All abstracts must be created within the “**Microsoft Word Abstract Form**” that is available on the [Medical Student Research Day \(MSRD\) web page](#).
3. All abstracts must be submitted through the online “**Submit an Abstract**” link and no later than **July 8, 2021, at 11:59PM**.
4. As abstracts will be published in the MSRD Event Program, submissions must comply with the following format. For your reference, a sample abstract is available on the MSRD web page.
 - a. Abstracts are limited to 1-page in length (including title, authors information, and body of the abstract)
 - b. 0.5-inch margins
 - c. 12-point Times New Roman font
 - d. Single line spacing, with a space between each section of the body of the abstract
 - e. No figures, graphs, or tables
5. Abstracts should use the following structure:
 - a. **Abstract title:** Capitalize all letters within the title.
 - b. **Authors:** Author’s last name followed by first and middle initials [e.g. Davidson AB]. Each co-author should be separated by a comma.

- c. **Affiliation:** The name of the department and institution, and address where the work was carried out [e.g. Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Las Cruces, NM 88001].
- d. **Abstract Body:** Use separate paragraphs for the following sections and headings within the body of the abstract:
 - i. **Introduction:** This section informs the reader of your topic by summarizing the current understanding and providing sufficient background information. State the purpose and significance of the research that was conducted, and include the research question(s) and hypotheses.
 - ii. **Methods (if necessary):** This section serves as a characterization of your methodologies and materials used in the study. Also, include a brief description of your statistical analysis methods that were used.
 - iii. **Results:** This section provides a general description of your results and provides the major findings of your study, including specific data points that are relevant to your study.
 - iv. **Conclusion:** Interpret the data and state the conclusions that are supported by the data.
 - v. **References:** References are not permitted in the abstract but are encouraged to be included in the presentation.