

jGPHA

Scientific Writing Workshop

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

Monday, April 10, 2017

10:00am-5:00pm



What is the Purpose?

Publication of research results, best practices, and interventions is a principal measure of achievement in public health. Similar to other journals, the Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association (jGPHA) seeks to publish papers that effectively communicate important concepts, methods, and results. Publishing your work is not only a contribution to the field but also an essential career builder. To ensure that peers understand the full impact of your work, a clear, concise manuscript is required. The jGPHA is pleased to offer a *free* pre-conference Scientific Writing Workshop to assist public health students, teachers, researchers, and practitioners in competing in the world of peer review. This workshop is aimed at improving authors' ability to prepare manuscripts for publication in jGPHA. Workshop participants will learn the essential components of a clearly written manuscript and how to structure each manuscript section. The workshop will help participants objectively evaluate individual skill levels; assess strengths and weaknesses; and improve skills to achieve a well-written manuscript.

What are the Benefits?

Workshop participants will: 1) learn essential components of peer-reviewed publications; 2) assess their writing strengths and weaknesses; 3) learn how to communicate scientific concepts effectively; 4) gain skills required for preparing a cohesive, clear manuscript; 5) participate in hands-on development of manuscript sections; and 6) understand how to respond to peer reviewers and editors.

Who should Participate?

The jGPHA Scientific Writing Workshop targets everyone—from students and early career researchers/practitioners—to experienced administrators/investigators, that is, anyone wishing to focus and polish their writing skills. GPHA members presenting posters and workshops during the annual meeting and seeking to gain essential information and guidance for publishing an abstract, full manuscript, brief report, research protocol, or practice notes in the jGPHA Conference Proceedings (Vol. 7, No. 1 Summer, 2017) should attend.

What are ways to Participate?

Participation in the workshop includes cursory or intensive engagement. Individuals interested in a general overview of jGPHA guidelines and key components of scientific writing may attend the first half of the workshop. Those wishing to engage in experiential scientific writing are required to submit a draft manuscript (introduction, methods, results, discussion, and conclusion) to the jGPHA editor (editor@gapha.org) by **March 10, 2017** and attend the full-day workshop. Each draft will be evaluated for organization, sense, clarity, grammar, and journal style and returned to the authors prior to the workshop. Individuals interested in intensive engagement are required to bring their laptop computers and the edited manuscript to the second portion of the workshop, which includes meeting with jGPHA editors to review the manuscript.

The jGPHA Scientific Writing Workshop is free and limited to the first 50 individuals with confirmed (paid) registration to the GPHA Annual Conference & Meeting.



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