



Call for Abstracts for the THA/TCWD Mend the Gap Workforce Summit

Addressing Healthcare Workforce Challenges in Tennessee

The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) and the Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development (TCWD) are pleased to announce a Call for Abstracts for the inaugural **Mend the Gap Workforce Summit**. This summit will bring together healthcare leaders, educators, policymakers, and industry professionals to explore innovative strategies and solutions to healthcare workforce needs impacting Tennessee.

We are seeking engaging and insightful presentations that highlight successful initiatives, research findings, and promising practices aimed at recruiting, retaining, and developing a robust healthcare workforce across the state.

Summit Themes and Areas of Interest:

We encourage submissions that align with, but are not limited to, the following key areas:

- **Pipeline Development & K-12 Engagement**
- **Recruitment and Retention Strategies**
- **Education and Training Innovation**
- **Interprofessional Collaboration**

Submission Category:

- **Oral Presentations (20-25 minutes):** In-depth discussions of research, successful programs, or innovative strategies.

Who Should Submit:

We welcome submissions from a broad range of professionals, including:

- Hospital and healthcare system leaders
- Healthcare educators and academic faculty
- Workforce development professionals
- Policymakers and government officials

- Community organizations

Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract Length:** Maximum 300 words.
- **Content:** Clearly state the purpose, methods (if applicable), key findings/outcomes, and implications for the healthcare workforce in Tennessee.
- **Keywords:** Provide 3-5 keywords that best describe your submission.
- **Presenter Information:** Include names, titles, affiliations, and contact information for all presenters.

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** Friday, October 31, 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Tuesday, November 2, 2025
- **Summit Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026

Submission Portal:

Please submit your abstract online via <https://tcwd.jotform.com/251544345946059>

Contact Information:

For any questions regarding the abstract submission process, please contact MendtheGap@tha.com

We look forward to your contributions to the THA/TCWD Mend the Gap Workforce Summit, as we collectively work towards a stronger, more resilient healthcare workforce for Tennessee.