

Manuscript Submission Information

The *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* is the official journal of the Transcultural Nursing Society. It is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal that aims to advance the field of cross cultural nursing and healthcare. Its mission is to contribute new knowledge about the relationship between social and cultural factors related to healthcare, with a focus on improving care for persons of all cultures. Research reports, analysis and discussion articles, systematic reviews of the literature, theoretical articles, clinical applications, and analytical case studies are desired. The journal is a member of the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#).

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Departments

Submission of manuscripts to one the following departments is encouraged:

- **Theory**

Manuscripts concerning theory design, construction, development, utilization, application and critique will be presented in this department. Theories related to transcultural nursing, relationships between culture and health care, including ethnopharmacology or ethnonutrition, anthropological or cross cultural patterning of health care beliefs and practices, inter and intra cultural communication, or transcultural ethics are of interest. In addition, manuscripts discussing organizational, technological, political or economic theories that influence health care delivery to specific cultural groups are encouraged. Articles discussing the application of nursing theories to transcultural nursing are also suitable for submission.

- **Research**

Research studies that expand the body of knowledge of transcultural nursing and health care as a human science will be included in this department. Studies will be considered that utilize such qualitative methodologies as: ethnography, ethnonursing, grounded theory, phenomenology, oral/life histories, critical theory, focus group methods, hermeneutics, participant observation, case study analysis, pattern recognition, or other innovative methods that relate the dynamics of culture to health care. Additionally, studies that utilize a variety of quantitative methodologies to investigate transcultural nursing and health care phenomena are also welcomed. Discussion

and/or analytical articles on such topics as instrument development, or themes related to the conduction of research on these phenomena are likewise encouraged. Publication of research studies requires that the letter of approval from a Human Subjects Committee (IRB) be provided at the time of manuscript submission. Processing of the manuscript will not begin until the IRB approval letter is received.

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1. [CONSORT](#): Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
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- **Education**

Manuscripts included in this department aim to promote the understanding of the sociocultural context of the nursing educational structure, processes and outcomes. Topics may focus on the organizational culture of schools, teacher/student /client relationships, teaching methods, learning and cognitive styles, curricular designs, evaluation strategies and academic outcomes. Additionally, content focusing on extra-curricular strategies such as recruitment, advisement, peer support, financial aid and mentoring are invited. Topics relevant to teacher training and development are also solicited. Subject content may pertain to any aspect of the educational experience in the undergraduate or graduate levels, or in any setting, including clinical practice, which emphasizes the linkage between culture and education.

- **Clinical Practice**

The focus of this department is to explicate the sociocultural context and universal and variant patterns influencing the delivery of nursing and health care. Examples of topics suitable for this department include culturally defined health beliefs and values, folk and professional models of health care delivery, practitioner/client interactions, family and community roles, or health care outcomes. Specific content areas may include cultural variations in symptom management, birth or death rituals, use of home remedies, dietary considerations, cultural assessment tools, cultural conflict resolution, use of interpreters in the clinical setting, organizational culture of health care settings, ethical-legal conflicts, or other practice-related subjects. Case studies must include the following: statement and significance of the problem, a brief review of the literature, resenation

of the case study, discussion and analysis of the case study within the cultural context, conclusions, recommendations for practice and references.

- **International**

This department will highlight themes and examples of international collaborative practice, education, research and consultation. This department will serve as an international forum for nurses and other health care disciplines to share expertise, knowledge, opinions and experience with nurses and health care professionals throughout the world.

- **Informational Resources**

Methods of accessing information concerning transcultural nursing or health care will be the major emphasis of this department. Articles regarding library searches, web page listings, internet resources, computer software packages and topics on informatics related to the journal's subject matter are encouraged. In addition, book reviews, critiques of videotapes or educational materials, annotated bibliographies and similar brief reports are welcomed.

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