# *Kansas Nurse* Author Submission Guidelines

**Who May Submit and Submission Guidelines**

The Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) invites you to submit original, professionally written articles that reflect the expertise, experiences, and contributions of nurses across Kansas. Submissions should demonstrate a high standard of professional communication, offer meaningful insights, and contribute to the advancement of nursing knowledge and practice.

Suggested topics include innovations in nursing practice, nursing education, leadership, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, legislative advocacy, community health, professional development, and nursing initiatives.

KSNA encourages submissions that are informative, relevant, evidence-informed when appropriate, and reflective of the professionalism and integrity of the nursing profession.

**Editorial Review and Publication**

All submitted articles will undergo a formal peer-review process conducted by the Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) Editorial Committee. Submissions will be evaluated for professional quality, clarity, accuracy, relevance to nursing practice, and alignment with the mission and professional standards of KSNA.

The peer-review process is intended to ensure that published articles reflect high standards of professional writing, scholarly integrity, and meaningful contributions to the nursing profession. The Editorial Committee may provide constructive feedback and request revisions prior to making a final publication decision.

**Submission of an article does not guarantee publication.** Final publication decisions will be made by the KSNA Editorial Committee based on the quality, relevance, and suitability of the submission for *Kansas Nurse*.

**Proposed Article Categories**

| Category | Suggested length | Examples |
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| Practice or quality improvement | Up to 1,000 words | Improvement project, implementation lessons, practice model |
| Education or leadership | 500–900 words | Teaching innovation, mentorship, leadership experience |
| Research or evidence in practice | Up to 2000 words | Accessible summary of findings and implications |
| Member spotlight | 300–600 words | Professional achievement, program highlight |
| Commentary or perspective | 400–700 words | Clearly labeled professional viewpoint |

## Submission Checklist

- Provide article title; author name, credentials, role, organization, email, and KSNA membership status.
- Submit an editable Word document using clear headings.
- Include a short author biography (40–60 words) and any relevant acknowledgments.
- Provide references for factual or clinical claims; use consistent citation formatting (APA preferred) and any use of generative AI in drafting, if applicable.

- Disclose conflicts of interest and/or any financial relationships.
- Confirm the work is original and not simultaneously committed to another publication; identify any prior publication or overlapping material.
- Obtain permissions for photographs, graphics, copyrighted material, and identifiable people