



September 7-11, 2027 | Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL

Proposal Preparation Checklist

The proposal portal does not save drafts. Use this document to prepare everything before you open the submission form. Once submitted, proposals are locked and cannot be edited.

KEY DATES

- **Portal Opens:** June 15, 2026
- **Submission Deadline:** September 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET
- **Notifications Sent:** January 15, 2027 via email
- **Conference:** September 7-11, 2027, Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL

SUBMISSION RULES

- You may submit up to 3 proposals total. Co-presenter appearances count toward your limit.
- You may submit the same proposal to up to 3 different tracks. The committee will determine placement.
- Each presenter may only appear in one accepted workshop at the conference, including co-presentations. No exceptions.
- All co-presenters must be listed at the time of submission. Presenter rosters cannot be changed after submitting.
- Once submitted, proposals are locked. No edits to title, abstract, objectives, references, or presenters.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Sessions must be tailored to a specific audience.

A Note on AI-Generated Proposals

Will Not Be Accepted. Write as the clinician, coach, or expert that you are. AI tools can help with grammar and light editing, but your proposal must be in your own voice before submitting. Reviewers identify AI-generated content by excessive dashes, filler phrases like "it is worth noting," vague superlatives (robust, comprehensive, holistic), identical learning objective structure, and abstracts that sound polished but contain no specific clinical detail.

WHAT TO PREPARE

Presenter Information

Have this ready for every presenter listed on the proposal.

- **Lead Presenter Full Name:**
- **Lead Presenter Credentials and Degree(s):**
- **Lead Presenter Title and Organization:**
- **Lead Presenter Email:**
- **Lead Presenter Phone:**
- **Lead Presenter Short Bio (50 to 75 words):**
- **CV ready to upload (see note below):**
- **Co-Presenter 1 Full Name and Credentials (if applicable):**
- **Co-Presenter 2 Full Name and Credentials (if applicable):**

Note on CV: A curriculum vitae (CV) is a full professional and academic history including credentials, clinical training, publications, presentations, and education. It differs from a resume, which is a brief job-focused summary. Reviewers use it to confirm you are a subject matter expert in what you are proposing.

Session Title

Your title is the first thing attendees see when choosing which workshop to attend. Make it specific enough that they know exactly what they are getting, and compelling enough to stand out. AACC will work with accepted speakers to refine titles before they appear in the program and registration.

- **Session Title (draft):**

Session Abstract (150 to 175 words)

This is what the review committee reads first. Be specific and substantive. Write in your own clinical voice, not a generic topic summary. Word count matters.

Abstract:

Three Measurable Learning Objectives

Each objective should describe what attendees will be able to do after your session. Use action verbs: identify, apply, demonstrate, assess, distinguish, develop. Avoid vague language like "understand" or "learn about."

Learning Objective 1:

Learning Objective 2:

Learning Objective 3:

Three Evidence-Based References (Published 2022 or later)

Each reference must directly support the content of your presentation. Format in APA style.

Reference 1 (APA format):

Reference 2 (APA format):

Reference 3 (APA format):

Track Selection

You may submit the same proposal to up to 3 tracks. The committee determines final placement.

Primary Track:

Secondary Track (optional):

Third Track (optional):

Available Tracks:

- **1: Abuse, Violence, and Trauma Assessment and Treatment**
- **2: Substance Use Disorders, Addiction, Relapse, and Recovery**
- **3: Grief and Loss, Crisis Response, and Disaster Recovery**
- **4: Emergency Mental Health: Awareness, Prevention, De-escalation, and Postvention**
- **5: Compulsive Behaviors and Behavioral Addictions: Trends, Assessments, and Treatment**
- **6: Sexuality, Sexual Interventions, and Sexual Health**
- **7: Love, Intimacy, Pre-marital Counseling, and Marriage Enrichment**
- **8: Family, Parenting, Family Systems and Therapy**
- **9: Couples in Crisis, Relationship Conflict, and Marital Recovery**
- **10: Youth Mental Healthcare: NextGen Issues and Interventions**
- **11: Biblical and Theological Foundations, Chaplaincy, and Pastoral Care**

- **12: Spiritual Formation, Interventions, and Discipleship**
- **13: Mental Health Coaching, Lay Counseling, and Church-based Care**
- **14: Counseling Skills, Techniques, and Empirically Supported Treatments**
- **15: Clinical Assessment, Research, and Evidence-Based Practices**
- **16: Psychiatric, Medical, and Medicinal Mental Health Care (New)**
- **17: Brain Health, Neuroscience, and Medical Research**
- **18: Personality Disorders, Comorbidities, Complex Issues and Cases**
- **19: Human Flourishing and Resilience: Positive Psychology, Performance, and Well-Being**
- **20: Christian Psychology and Psychotherapy: Theories and Models of Faith-Based Clinical Mental Health Care**
- **21: Social Work, Special Populations, Multicultural and Global Competencies**
- **22: Ethics, Advocacy, and Public Policy: Clinical Practice, Counselor Education, and Supervision**
- **23: AI, Technology, and Practice Management (New)**
- **24: Professional Life Coaching and Consultation**
- **25: Executive and Leadership Coaching and Organizational Psychology**

FINAL PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Check each item before you open the portal.

- Session title is specific, compelling, and reflects clinical content
- Abstract is 150 to 175 words and written in my own voice
- All 3 learning objectives use action verbs and describe measurable outcomes
- All 3 references are published 2022 or later and in APA format
- CV is current and ready to upload
- All co-presenters are confirmed and have agreed to participate
- Track selection is complete (up to 3 tracks)
- I have read the AI policy, and my proposal is written in my own words
- I understand proposals cannot be edited after submission
- I am available September 9-11, 2027, *if accepted*

WHAT ACCEPTED SPEAKERS RECEIVE

- Complimentary full conference registration including access to all track workshops and general session plenaries
- Continuing Education (CE) credit included with registration
- Exposure to nearly 7,000 attendees from across the Christian counseling, coaching, and care community
- Listing in the official conference program
- AACC will work with you to refine your session title before it appears in the program and registration

Travel, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the speaker. Hotel reservations at Rosen Shingle Creek can be made independently once room blocks are announced.

Submit at: aacc.net/call-for-papers-world-conference-2027

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