

NZSTA Conference Evaluation Criteria:



The conference committee and invited reviewers will select the abstracts for the conference. The reviewers will receive the anonymous abstracts, and their decision will be final. Abstracts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Relevance to Conference Theme

- Does the abstract align with the conference theme, “Navigating the Changing Landscape”?
- Is the topic significant and timely for the speech-language therapy profession in Aotearoa New Zealand?

Clarity and Structure

- Is the abstract well-organised and easy to follow?
- Does it clearly state the purpose, methods, outcomes, and implications?
- Is the abstract concise, coherent, and free of grammatical errors?

Innovation and Contribution

- Does the abstract offer new insights, approaches, or solutions?
- Is it evidence-based or grounded in best practice?

Cultural Responsiveness

- Does the abstract reflect cultural safety and responsiveness, particularly in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi?
- Are Māori perspectives and equity considerations included or acknowledged?

Impact and Practicality

- Does the content have clear, practical applications or relevance for attendees?
- Will it engage, inspire, or inform the audience?

Please note that the conference organisers will determine the allocation of presentation slots throughout the meeting. Due to scheduling complexities, we cannot accept individual requests for specific timings.