

Description and Mission

The *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* is a monthly, peer-reviewed publication for mental health nurses in clinical positions in a variety of settings. The Journal welcomes clinically relevant original articles, articles for the Psychopharmacology, Aging Matters, and Youth in Mind sections, letters to the Editor, and materials for the News and Product Update sections. The Journal adheres to the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals (2010) of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.

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