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Call for Proposals and Submission Guidelines

Theory & Practice in Rural Education

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The editors of the *Theory & Practice in Rural Education* would like to invite authors to submit manuscripts for its next general topics issue. *Theory & Practice in Rural Education* is a peer-reviewed journal published electronically twice per year, spring and fall. We are predominantly interested in manuscripts related to promising and effective educational practices in rural schools, educator preparation for rural P-16 institutions, and issues related to distinct rural populations. We invite several types of articles and/or multimedia creations, including those with an international focus: practice-based; educational innovations; partnerships for education; research-based articles; review articles; and book reviews focusing on rural education. (Please see Author Guidelines for additional submission information.)

We will be accepting manuscript submissions for the open topics issue through January 15th, 2021 (midnight EST) at tpre@ecu.edu. The call for the themed issue on "Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Rural Schools and Communities" (Fall 2021 issue) and "Rural STEM Education" (Fall 2022) are available from the website.

All proposals will be subject to double blind peer review.

Author guidelines

The journal is currently accepting manuscripts written in English or Spanish. All manuscripts should follow *APA Manual* guidelines (7th edition), be saved as a .doc or .docx file, formatted to fit 8½ by 11-inch paper, and double spaced. Manuscripts should be between 5000 and 7500 words, not including figures, captions, or references. Book reviews should be between 750 and 1500 words, excluding references.

In addition, the journal is accepting submission of digital projects. Please see details below regarding content and format for digital project submissions.

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All manuscript submissions must include:

- a. A cover letter identifying the type of manuscript submitted (research-based, practice-based, review, etc.) and outlining the impact of the research and the fit with the scope of the journal. Authors are also asked to confirm that the manuscript is not under consideration for publication in any other publication venues and that it has not been previously published.
- b. A cover page including: manuscript title, authors' names and institutional affiliations, contact information of corresponding author, abstract, and 5-7 keywords.
- c. An abstract page – abstracts should be between 250 to 500 words in length. Please also include the selected 5-7 keywords here.
- d. Manuscript – please make sure the manuscript is free from any identifying information, both in the header/footer and in the body of the manuscript.
- e. References page.
- f. Tables and figures, if applicable – please include these on separate pages at the end of the manuscript, but include reference to them within the manuscript.
- g. Acknowledgements (optional).
- h. A statement indicating whether the manuscript is part of a funded project, including information about the funding agency and the project.

Book/media reviews must include:

- a. A cover letter identifying the type of manuscript submitted (book review) and outlining the relevance of the book being reviewed and the fit with the scope of the journal. Authors are also asked to confirm that the review is not under consideration for publication in any other publication venues and that it has not been previously published.
- b. A cover page including: bibliographical information of the book reviewed, as well as name, institutional affiliation, and contact information of the corresponding author.
- c. Review.
- d. References.

Digital project submissions must include:

- a. A cover letter identifying the type of manuscript submitted (digital project submission) and outlining the impact of the information being presented and the fit with the scope of the journal. Authors are also asked to confirm that the project is not under consideration for publication in any other publication venues and that it has not been previously published.
- b. A cover page including: project title and permalink, authors' names and institutional affiliations, and contact information of corresponding author.
- c. A manuscript (800-1200 words), including the following elements:
 - An introduction and rationale for the creation of the project.
 - Details about the project, its conception, and its creation process.
 - A statement of the impact of the project for the rural education field.
 - A description of the technology and other resources used.
 - A statement indicating whether this is a funded project, including information about the funding agency.
 - A permalink to the project.