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- A minimum of 10-15 pages double spaced, with a maximum length of 20 pages double spaced, is preferred.
- The minimum number of references should simply be proportionate to the length of your article (i.e., 10 pages, a minimum of 10 references; 20 pages, a minimum of 20 references).
- The following article categories are welcomed: best practices, applied theory, original research, and assessment and diagnoses. You can find definitions of these on the JCD's website for author submissions; we are building toward following their guidelines but just have a simpler approach at this time (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15566676/homepage/forauthors.html>). Case studies and conceptual pieces are acceptable content for The NC Counseling Journal. Our goal is that the journal will hopefully be useful for counselors, counselor educators, and counselor supervisors. We want practical content but content that is well-supported by scholarly literature. As part of this commitment, we desire content that is free from bias of all kinds.
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- Currently, authors are not required to be members of the NC Counseling Association.

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Your contributions to the field are important and more valuable than you may realize. We  
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