Navigating the DNP Project in Academic and Clinical Settings

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Part 1: The DNP Project: Goals and Glitches

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EBP is THE WORD and DNP=EBP!!
The DNP Project

- Clinical Research
- Scholarly Project
- Capstone
- Practice Dissertation
Goals of the DNP Project

- Build skills (EBP, QI, navigating practice change)
- Translate evidence into practice
- Promote safety culture
- Expand professional network
- Promote future scholarship
AACN and NONPF DNP Project Criteria

1. Synthesis and translation of evidence
2. Systems or population focus
3. Practice change that impacts healthcare outcomes through direct or indirect care
4. Demonstrate implementation in an appropriate area of practice
5. Include an evaluation of processes or outcomes
6. Include a plan for sustainability
7. Include a plan for dissemination of results
8. Provide a foundation for future scholarship
So much confusion about EBP...and understandably so!
Activity

Is it research or EBP?
You know there’s confusion when...

- People are talking about “evidence-based research”
- An instructor tells you EBP is *not integrated* into a course because it’s a clinical course
- The EBP assignment is *critiquing* a systematic review
- Your EBP text book has a chapter titled “Designing a Clinically based Qualitative Capstone Research Project”
Every profession has its own approach to EBP!
SO many models!
EBP: The “new kid on the block”

- 1856: Nursing research
- 1966: Quality Improvement is adopted from industry
- 1990s: Evidence-based Medicine (EBM) gets its start
- 1996: Evidence-based Practice arrives; Nursing models for EBP created
- 2009: 

Evidence-based Practice (EBP) has its roots in the mid-20th century, with the advent of Quality Improvement strategies and the adoption of evidence-based medicine. The 1990s saw the formalization of EBP in nursing models, while the 21st century has witnessed a continued evolution in this approach.
When did YOU get your last degree?

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Permission granted to be confused!!
We’re coming!!
Make TODAY The Day To LEARN SOMETHING NEW!
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