Developing Telehealth-Focused Advanced Practice Nurse Educational Partnerships
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**BACKGROUND**
- Proliferation of technology in health care requires formalized educational experiences for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)
- Demographics and health of US population are creating significant gaps in health care services
- Health care systems need skilled providers who can effectively and efficiently use telehealth to deliver patient care
- DNP Essential IV “Information Systems & Patient Care Technology” requires DNP graduates to have proficiency in technology
- APRN students graduate from programs without the knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to technology that are increasingly needed to fulfill their roles

**PURPOSE**
The purposes of this project are:
- Develop telehealth-focused DNP clinical educational experiences in the USD Simulation Lab
- Establish community partnerships for telehealth-focused DNP clinical educational experiences
- Collaborate with community partners to design telehealth-focused DNP practice, teaching, and research outcomes

**METHODS**
- Identify relevant resources: DNP Program director expertise, Cohort of seasoned DNP faculty, High-tech simulation lab, Agencies with telehealth services, Health care informatics program
- Use QSEN Competencies as framework for designing telehealth educational experiences to develop:
  - Knowledge
  - Skills
  - Attitudes
- Develop interprofessional DNP telehealth simulation experiences
- Create telehealth-focused community partnerships
- Utilize telehealth-focused clinical practice as setting for DNP project

**RESULTS**

**CONCLUSIONS**
- Evidence-based telehealth educational experiences for APRN DNP students will prepare DNP graduates for the reality of clinical practice in today's technology-based health care settings
- APRN DNP s can assume leadership roles in designing, implementing, and evaluating telehealth delivery systems that will increase access to care for multiple patient populations
- New innovative technology delivery systems can successfully address accessibility and availability issues that will promote high quality, safe patient care at an affordable cost

**REFERENCES**
References available on handout

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