



Guidelines for Development of the DNP Scholarly Project

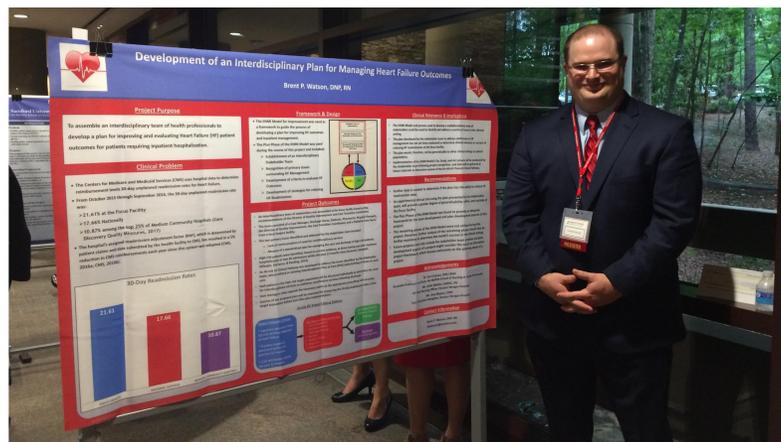
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PURPOSE

- To discuss our school's revision of the guidelines for the DNP project

BACKGROUND

- We identified a need for revised DNP project guidelines as our school began offering RN-DNP and BSN-DNP pathways.
- Focused direction and expert guidance foster multiple ways of thinking.
- Doctoral faculty desire guidelines to assist with mentoring students.
- Students desire clear guidelines for the development of the DNP project.



METHODOLOGY

- Development of rubric for each of two DNP courses
 - DNP Project 1 – proposal details and plan
 - DNP Project 2 – implementation and evaluation
- SQUIRE 2.0 guidelines used as framework for rubric development

GUIDELINES - DNP PROJECT 1

| Date Due | Title |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clear, accurate information for indexing purposes. State specific aim of the DNP Project and study method if appropriate. |
| | Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a one paragraph introduction to the topic of the DNP Project, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of the DNP Project Thesis sentence (a one sentence statement of what is addressed in the paper) |
| | Evidence of the Problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local/site Regional National/international Impact of the DNP Project on nursing practice and patient outcomes |
| | Purpose of the Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A simple declarative statement of the overall goal of the DNP Project. Use the following format: "The purpose of this project is to ..." |
| | Definition of Terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide both a theoretical and operational definition of all pertinent terms from the purpose statement and any additional terms as appropriate. Use the following format: "For the purpose of this project, the following terms are defined:"... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bullet each term defined |
| | Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the framework used to guide the DNP Project Framework elements applied to the DNP Project Include figure of model |
| | Assumptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement or principle accepted as being true Based on logic or custom No proof required Use the following format: "For the purpose of this project, the following assumptions are made:"... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bullet each assumption |
| | Review of the Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the search (include databases searched, key words, hits, and relevancy). Identify topics that emerge from the review of literature and become the outline for this section. Develop a narrative review of the literature that reflects synthesis of the identified topics. Conclude with overall strength of evidence to impact change. |
| | Context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the setting in which the DNP Project will occur. Include appropriate demographics. Population and Sampling Procedures Determination of Need for IRB form submitted with proposal paper If required, Protection of Human Participants (IRB) approval prior to NURG 761 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients or clients impacted by the DNP Project |
| | Project Intervention Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the DNP Project's component parts in sufficient detail so others could reproduce it. |
| | Resource Requirements & Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a summary describing materials, technology, etc. that will be required in developing the DNP Project components and/or interventions. Describe funding source(s) and the role of funding organization(s) in the design, implementation, interpretation, and dissemination. Develop a proposed budget including projected costs and funding sources if applicable. |
| | Proposed Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicate anticipated dates to complete each aspect of the DNP Project. |
| | Plan for Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the plan for formative and/or summative evaluation of the DNP Project. |
| | PROPOSAL SUBMISSION - Completion of NURG 760 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DNP Project Team Leader retains final authority for approval of the project and may choose to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accept the proposal as is or with minor revisions and no re-review, require minor or major revisions and re-review, or reject the proposal. |



GUIDELINES - DNP PROJECT 2

| Date Due | Implementation of Project |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete DNP Project as outlined in NURG 760 proposal paper Note: If IRB approval required, approval letter must be on file with the DNP Project Team Leader prior to implementation of the project |
| | Structured Abstract (2 page maximum, single space, double space between elements, Arial 12 font) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title Local Problem Project Purpose Methodology Results including Evaluation Findings Implications for Practice Submitted to DNP Project Team Leader as a WORD document |
| | Poster Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See poster presentation guidelines Submitted to DNP Project Team Leader as a PowerPoint |
| | Structured Abstract and Poster Presentation - Completion of NURG 761 |



RESULTS

- Initial implementation of project guidelines are currently in place.
- Faculty and student feedback will be solicited following initial use.

SIGNIFICANCE TO NURSING

- Contributes a clear and easy-to-follow template for academic nurse educators in the mentoring of the DNP project
- Expands DNP students' abilities to problem solve in diverse clinical practice situations
- Guides development of robust projects that impact clinical nursing practice and health outcomes