GUIDELINES FOR DNP PROJECT

The DNP Proposal

The purpose of the DNP Project is to provide an opportunity for the student to further knowledge and scholarship to improve health outcomes and should demonstrate outcomes identified in the Essentials. This project may be conducted at the individual, population, systems, or policy level. There are many types of projects that will meet this purpose including: quality improvement projects; translation of evidence to practice; clinical or practice-based inquiry; healthcare delivery; program evaluation; and healthcare policy. This work will be done under the guidance of the Scholarly Project Committee consisting of three members, at least two from the School of Nursing and one from the agency.

The following template is provided as an example of the organization of the DNP Project Proposal. The specifics of the DNP project proposal will be negotiated with the chair and committee.

1. COVER PAGE

2. INTRODUCTION
   - Tell the reader why this topic is important
   - Sets the stage for what is to come.

   Problem Statement: concise but clearly articulate of the problem, and why it warrants attention

   Purpose of the Project: one or two key areas are clearly presented and describe what the project will do and achieve

   Clinical/Practice Question: describe the phenomenon of interest relative to practice

3. Review of the Literature
   - Present data that support the need for the project,
   - Identify gap or flaws in the current literature.
   - Must be a comprehensive literature review
   - Is logical and supports the need for and value of the proposed project

4. Conceptual and Theoretical Framework
   - Serves as a roadmap and used to guide the project
   - Connects important aspects of the project
5. **Project Design**
   - Describes the type of project such as quality improvement, practice improvement, systems improvement and uses appropriate methods for the project described

6. **Methodology:** describes in detail how the project will be conducted

   *Subjects*: Who will be involved, how, why, human subjects protection

   *Settings*: describes the environment, clear picture of the setting

   *Tools*: describes tools that will be used, validity

   *Interventions and Data Collection:*
     - describe step by step processes and procedures from beginning to end
     - Provides rationale

   Analysis plan: describes how results will be evaluated and data will be analyzed

7. **Reference List**

8. **Appendices**

*For more detail see:*