2018 Eleventh National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference Palm Springs

Sustaining the DNP: Strategies for the Future in Clinical and Administrative Practice

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2018 Conference Objectives

1. Identify at least one potential change in practice,
2. Explore strategies to sustain projects beyond implementation,
3. Examine opportunities to collaborate across disciplines to improve health care outcomes, and
4. Recommend strategies to apply evidence to practice

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2018 Plenary Speakers

2018 Keynote Speaker
Bob Dent,
DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, FAAN
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Daniel L. Gross,
DNSc, RN
Executive Vice President
Sharp HealthCare,
San Diego, CA

2018 Plenary Speaker
Maureen Shawn Kennedy,
MA, RN, FAAN
Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Nursing (AJN)

2018 Plenary Speaker
David Campbell-O’Dell,
DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, FAAN
President, Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc., Nurse Practitioner

2018 Plenary Speaker
Tina Haney
DNP, CNS, RN
Assistant Professor DNP Program
Co-director Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist/Educator Program
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2018 Plenary Speaker
Jim D’Alfonso,
DNP, RN, PhD(h), NEA-BC, FNAP
Executive Director Professional Practice, Leadership Development and Research
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2018 Plenary Panel
Jian Zhang, Juli Maxworthy,
KT Waxman, Mary Lynne Knighten

2018 Plenary Panel
Dianne Conrad, Rosanne Burson, Kathy Moran,
Karen Kesten, Catherine Corrigan
2018 DNP Conference Presentations

20 **Breakout** Sessions

26 **Mini Podium** Sessions

Over 70 **Digital Posters**
NEW FOR 2018 FROM DNP, INC.

- Showcase DNP practice projects to share outcomes with colleagues and consumers.
- Educate patients, organizations and health care systems on the contributions of the DNP prepared nursing professional.
- Support DNP educational programs and practice partners to demonstrate the influence of the DNP prepared nurse.
- One time charge per student listing of $30 to defray cost of repository development and maintenance.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
Getting Engaged in the DNP Community by Dr. Molly Bradshaw is asking her students to be engaged at a high level of interaction. Her students (our colleagues) are engaging in blogs and have posted their biographical information. Two thumbs up for the dedication to post information about themselves and their invitation to engage! Click into these links to see the depth and talent of future DNP graduates.

Molly J. Bradshaw
Cathy Catlett
Michelle Macdonald
Adria Myers
Lisa Wallace
Tracy Johnson
Greshen M. Markwell
Melinda “Mendy” Blair
Brenda Seegmiller
Veronica Eubank

The School of Wellness by our esteemed contributing colleague Eileen O’Grady, shares information about a retreat that could benefit everyone. See for yourself what great services are being offered to enhance our wellness.

DNP Scholarly Project Survey: Deadline 9/5/2018 posted by Megan Cox, a student from Maryville University regarding a project addressing care for the developmentally disabled adult in the primary care setting. Please complete her survey!

DNP Project Long Term Success Survey is an important study initiated by our colleague Dr. Colleen Manzetti. You are invited to learn about a research study examining the capacity of a DNP Project to maintain its programming and benefits overtime, known as sustainability. Your participation can help identify strengths and barriers to sustaining these projects after the DNP student moves on. This information may better position future DNP projects for long term success. The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. To learn more about the study click on the following link which will bring you to the Invitation to participate in the Study.

Ethics Survey of Nursing Leaders is a study sponsored by faculty colleagues at Old Dominion University and Paracelsus Medical University in Salzburg, Austria. What keeps you up at night? Are their experiences in your practice as a DNP nurse leader (Nurse Executive/Leader or an Advanced Practice Nurse) that give you ‘pause’ and create that feeling of unease as you unwind and debrief from your day? Are there patient and family stories that stick with you long after they should? Are there systems-level issues that create angst in your role as a leader?

DNP Groups of Interest:
- DNP Groups in Corrections
- Geriatric Specialization
- Executive Leader DNP
- Executive Leadership DNP

And others.

If you know of an event that supports the growth and development of nursing colleagues, please post it to the EVENTS page. It’s free, and reaches thousands every month. Click the ADD button on this page to post an event.
August 2018 Survey Results:
Sustainability of Contributions by DNP Prepared Professionals

The August 2018 survey requested feedback and perceptions of the sustainability of projects completed by DNP students and graduates. The results are promising. See what you think.

Question 1: The work I am now doing as a DNP prepared graduate reflects the skillset learned as a result of earning this degree. 61% very much to absolutely, 39% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: My work to improve outcomes is sustainable. 68% very much to absolutely, 32% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: The work I engage in as a DNP prepared nurse reflects an improvement in healthcare outcomes. 65% very much to absolutely, 35% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: My work as a DNP prepared nurse directly impacts patients and/or families and/or health care systems’ ability to address health issues. 72% very much to absolutely, 28% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: The DNP degree has afforded me the opportunity to perform work that is outside of the realm of healthcare outcomes either directly or indirectly. 52% very much to absolutely, 48% somewhat to not at all

The results of this survey are very suggest that DNP prepared graduates consider the degree as valuable in a career trajectory, but are not able to fully implement the skills learned while earning the degree.

What do you think? Do these findings reflect your point of view?

Click HERE to take the September 2018
The high point of the work of volunteers and staff of Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. is the annual conference. The 11th National DNP Conference taking place in the last week of September in Palm Springs, California is the culmination of efforts from an army of great people. We celebrate not only the talented presenters but also the great folks that helped to organize, vet, and assure that this event reflects the best of what is available from colleagues around the country.

The 2019 DNP National Conference will take place August 7-9, 2019 at the Fairmont Washington, DC Georgetown. We have folks dedicated to the development and delivery of this conference already working to make this a great event. Join your colleagues and friends this year in California, and next year in Washington, DC.

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The contributions and posting of doctoral projects in the DNP repository continues to reflect the skills and talents of DNP prepared colleagues. Here’s a sample of what can be found in the DNP Doctoral Project Repository:

**Reducing Polypharmacy in the Elderly** by Dr. Emelia Oduro Jeffrey, a graduate of Touro University Nevada.

**Creating Pathways of Care: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Increasing Screening and Treatment of Postpartum Depression within a Rural Health Clinic** by Dr. Holly T. Kralj, a graduate of the University of Hawaii Manoa.

**A Mobile Phone HIV Medication Adherence Intervention: Care4Today Mobile Health Manager** by Dr. C. Andrew Martin, a graduate of Carlow University.

**DKA Protocols and the Relationship between Nurse-Reported Autonomy and Decision-Making** by Dr. Kari J. Morris, a graduate of Chamberlain University.

**Cultural Competency in Nursing Education: Eliminating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Disparities** by Dr. Zachary I. Nethers, a graduate of Chatham University.

Is your doctoral project in the repository? Are colleagues and graduates of your university listed? [Click here](#) to learn more and to upload your project.
In the summer of 2015, the Virginia Association of Doctors of Nursing Practice began with a small group of recent DNP graduates from Old Dominions University who created a state-wide association for DNPs. As recent DNP graduates, we believed our new degree had provided us with the knowledge and skills to create a new non-profit organization and to create and plan a conference, all in the first year. This belief, misplaced though it may have been, along with passion, mentorship, and persistence was rewarded with a successful first conference the following July, with speakers who were thought leaders who challenged our conference attendees to continue our drive to connect, coordinate, and unite DNP providers and executives within Virginia, thereby increasing visibility and optimizing their overall impact to improve healthcare and healthcare outcomes of the population.

So far, we have had three conferences: DNPs: The Wave of the Future (2016); Building Bridges: Developing New Paths (2017); Defining New Partnerships: Enhancing the Future of the DNP (2018). For the first time this year, our Board of Directors handed over conference planning to a small group of member volunteers who developed an outstanding panel of speakers, presentations, and networking opportunities. Each year, we seek to invite subject matter experts who will help DNP students, graduates, and faculty imagine the possibilities for healthcare innovation and improvement.

Our keynote speaker this year was the American Nurses Association President, Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN. Dr. Cipriano discussed “DNP collaboration and partnerships – the bridge to better health” as a call to action for DNP students and graduates to consider what this degree empowers us to do to change healthcare. With the healthcare crisis in this country, including high prices, challenges with access to care, and the opioid epidemic, nurses in all roles are poised to impact outcomes at every level. Nurses, as the new ANA campaign states, “inspire, innovate, and influence” patients, families, policy makers, and colleagues. The DNP helps us to be thoughtful strategists to address social determinants of health, advance teams, and lead in a digital world.

Lora Peppard, PhD, DNP, PMHNP-BC, engaged us in “Translating evidence in a meaningful way” through her podium presentation. Competency in the DNP essentials provides us with the skillset and knowledge to translate the research into practice in multiple areas to improve health outcomes. What does it mean to be a translator? Finding meaning in the process of translation “is derived from the value, impact, and quality of the translation.” Being able to articulate the value, impact, and quality of our practice allows us to share the worth and meaning of our work.

The VADNP has had a call for abstracts for posters every year as a way to showcase current studies throughout the Commonwealth by DNP students and faculty. This year three of the posters were also selected for “Ten Minute Thesis” presentations, in addition to the traditional poster presentations. The three presentations included: “From Concept to Publication: Using a dyspnea assessment tool at the end of life” (Lorri Birkholz, DNP, RN, NE-BC); “Educational interventions to improve delirium recognition” (Cheri Blevins, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS); and “Designing the DNP pathway for master's in nursing education graduates” (Jeannie S. Garber, DNP, RN, NEA-BC).

When we planned for the first conference, we decided to create Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to help our membership connect throughout the year by focusing on areas of interest. We have had four active groups over this past year who presented their work at the conference. The Faculty, DNP Essentials, and Role Mentoring SIG has been working on issues affecting DNP faculty over the past year. Our Health Policy SIG has been active in addressing health care and professional issues particular to the Commonwealth of Virginia, such as a new transition to practice bill for NPs and addressing workplace violence against nurses. The Executive Leadership SIG created a mentoring program for new DNPs to connect with experienced DNPs for mentoring (not precepting). Our Telehealth SIG has been active in policy advocacy for improved reimbursement, training, and engaging with stakeholders. There has also been some interest in a Veteran’s SIG and an Independent Practice SIG, but these are not yet active.

After all the presentations focused on enhancing the future of the DNP, Dr. Tina Haney and Dr. Carolyn Rutledge walked us through “Personal Strategic Planning” to help us reflect on our “Why” as we engage as change agents and leaders in healthcare. Dr. Cindy Fagan, Dr. Shelly Smith, and Dr. Mary Kay Goldschmidt shared health policy strategies including building relationships and participating in the legislative process to move the nursing agenda forward to improve health outcomes. Dr. Tim Cunningham finished the first day with an engaging presentation on resilience based on his experiences as a clown during medical mission trips.
The second day included presentations by Dr. Kim Elgin and Ms. Bethany Cieslowski on “Technology and the DNP: A New Paradigm for Delivering Innovative Solutions”. This inspiring presentation was a call to action to consider how we can be disruptive innovators as DNPs. Our final panel was focused on leadership. Dr. Korrine Van Keuren, Dr. Sandra Hearn, and Dr. Patra H. Reed shared three different leadership roles, ways for DNPs to educate the public about the DNP degree, and methods to advocate for nursing and role development. Our final speaker of the conference shared her story of recovery from opioid addiction. Mrs. Ann Mason Rumble reminded us that patient-centered care requires the healthcare team assess and ask questions of patients in order to offer the interventions that patients need.

Our annual conferences would not be possible without sponsorship from universities and other healthcare organizations. As we start planning for next year’s conference, we are again considering the most important issues in healthcare and actively seeking speakers and presenters to share their experiences and research to connect, coordinate, and unite DNP providers and executives in the Commonwealth to improve healthcare outcomes. Join us!