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Contributions of the DNP Prepared Nurse: Policy Influencing Outcomes

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According to the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (October 2006) the DNP is designed to improve nursing leadership and practice. As I work to improve my practice and patient care, I am drawn to the *DNP Essentials VI: Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes*. The importance of communication between patient, providers and other individuals involved requires teamwork for the best results. In other words, it takes a “village”, but the village needs to be interprofessional.

As a provider of HIV positive patients, I am aware of the challenges patients face when dealing with the stigma of the disease. I believe it takes a “village” to provide the appropriate care for the patient. The “village” should include a healthcare team including the following: the patient, family, provider, social worker, pharmacist, and additional medical staff to enhance the care of the patient. In our facility, we have a healthcare team, but I would not characterize the communication of the team as efficient to maximize the best patient outcomes. Our “team” does not always work as a unit. Communication is broken between the social workers and the other team members. We are separated by a facility and do not document in the same EMR system.

Our “village” does work together but there needs to be an improvement. The providers and in-clinic pharmacists work daily together. We discuss any problems with medication, changes in medicine and any other issues the patient has consulted with us that the other team member needs to be informed. If the patient has a problem with paying for medication, we involve the social worker. If the patient has a problem, we believe the social worker can help with we discuss it with them. The problem is if the patient has a problem and has approached the social worker, frequent the provider is unaware. This system needs to be improved.

Communication is the key. The knowledge I have obtained from the courses I have taken have helped me to identify the problem. Instead of getting frustrated because of the system in place, I know to describe the problem to others and become a part of the solution to change what is broken. We are so fortunate to have a “village” for our patients. Tweaking the system in place will benefit the patient outcomes.

My goal over the next several weeks is to explore the different departments involved in the care of our patients to understand how they believe our system can be improved. I would like to develop a team with one representative of each department to improve communication. Developing a clinical procedure each team member is involved in, will improve the outcomes of the patient.

As an NP my role as a provider is primarily related to patient interactions. We are not always included in the decisions to make changes. As a DNP student, I now recognize my role as does not just involve patient care but as a change leader. The knowledge from the DNP program encourages interprofessional teams and the DNP leading the way. Communicating, evaluating and implementing guidelines and standard of care are essential to improving patient outcomes. That effort takes a village.
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Over the years I have heard discussions regarding the roles of those with different terminal nursing degrees. Comparing and contrasting the PhD to the DNP degree, the EdD, and other terminal practice degrees has resulted in spirited and sometimes challenging dialogue. Some discussions were ugly.

A PhD prepared colleague who is the director of a DNP program recently said that the DNP student should never be expected to work at the level of a PhD student. On the flip side of this point of view, I’ve heard a DNP prepared colleague imply that the PhD prepared nurse should not be teaching in DNP programs. Both of these points of view seem extreme, don’t you think?

As a result of multiple conversations with nursing and other professional colleagues that have earned a terminal degree, an analogy comes to mind that will hopefully resonate with you. The analogy is something I truly enjoy: Good Food! I’m not talking about food as sustenance, but well-prepared food that explores the boundaries of culinary art and science.

This first article will explore the metaphor of food to the collective efforts of healthcare outcomes in the context of our nursing discipline. The second article in next month’s issue of OUTCOMES will dig deeper to identify who contributes to the actions that result in a good meal (i.e. good healthcare outcomes). The third article in this series will look forward to how these meals (again, outcomes) will be designed and delivered.

How does this analogy reflect the differences in the preparation and practice of the terminal degree prepared professional nurse? The connection between well-prepared food and successful and effective healthcare outcomes requires many of the same concepts and elements of application. Specific to nursing science, the combined efforts of nurses with different degrees results in outcomes that are reproducible and rewarding to the individual or group that the effort is designed to address.

Picture yourself at a popular restaurant. The ambiance, smells, placement of tables, and how the food is delivered is not done by chance. Thought and experience have developed methods to achieve the desired effect. The food selections and preparation have also evolved as a result of past experiences and knowledge of what works, and what doesn’t work.

As we explore the metaphor of this sought-after meal to healthcare outcomes produced by those in the nursing discipline, we can correlate the delivery methods, the environment, the appealing presentation and evaluation of the processes of how the product (food or healthcare services) are evaluated and modified. Continuous quality improvement is not unique to healthcare, don’t you think?

But who are the chefs? Who is running the operations in the kitchen, and who is in charge of the front of the house (so to speak) to assure that all services are timely and meet the needs of the customer? Specific to our analogy of service delivery to the role of the terminally degreed nursing professional, there are different roles designed to help assure a good product. More about this division of roles, and how the roles overlap will be shared in next month’s issue of OUTCOMES. Check back to see more about culinary expertise as it correlates with our collective efforts.

Please visit this BLOG to share more of your thoughts in opinions as we move this metaphor forward. Thank you all.

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**Improving Patient Satisfaction through Increased Nurse-Patient Communication**, by Dr. Allison K. Mangun, a graduate of Bradley University.

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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.
Participate in the DNP Interest in the PhD Survey! By our colleague Peggy Mancuso. Please complete this survey to gauge the interest colleagues may have in earning a PhD degree after the DNP.

Feedback Requested – Share Your Mentoring Story By Lisa Wallace. Join her in exploring methods and values in mentoring.

Reflection: Being a Successful Negotiator by Greshin Marcella Markwell. Be a part of this important conversation.

Why Your Nurses Should Serve on Community Health Boards, an article by Laurie Benson and Kimberly Harper, found on the Nurses on Boards Coalition web site.

DNP Groups of Interest: (the latest activity in the Online Community)
- ANPPO: Association of Nurse Practitioner Practice Owners
- California Organization of Doctors of Nursing Practice (CODNP)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Who Are DNPs
- CNM/OB/GYN/Women’s Health DNPs

Events of Interest to DNP Students and Graduates

AACN: Faculty Practice Pre-Conference, Research Leadership Network Program, Doctoral Education Conference, January 16-19, 2019, San Diego, CA.

4th Regional Oncology Nursing Conference, January 18-19, 2019, Singapore

2019 ACMI Winter Symposium (American Medical Informatics Association), January 24-27, Ft. Myers, FL.

National Advisory Council for Nursing Research, January 29-30, 2019, Bethesda, MD.

National League for Nursing Special Summit 2019 Call for Manuscripts, opens February 1, 2019, Washington, DC.

International Child Health Nursing Alliance, February 16-19, 2019, Clearwater Beach, FL.

AACN: CNL Summit 2019, February 20-22, 2019, Tampa, FL.

AACN: Master’s Education Conference, February 21-23, 2019

AONE: Nurse Manager Institute, February 26-28, 2019

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.
December 2018 Survey explored the impact of DNP Education Essential I addressing scientific underpinnings. Do you agree with these results?

Question 1: Regarding Essential I, Scientific Underpinnings, when I was a student coursework that addressed this essential was clearly defined. 59% very much to absolutely, 41% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: The concept of Scientific Underpinnings is clear to me now (as a student or graduate) and I apply this knowledge to practice. 74% very much to absolutely, 26% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: When focusing on my daily professional work, the idea of Scientific Underpinnings comes to mind often. 56% very much to absolutely, 44% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: As I develop plans and strategies to assure quality or improve outcomes, I reflect on concepts of Scientific Underpinnings. 70% very much to absolutely, 30% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: The course content regarding Scientific Underpinnings was not clearly defined or appreciated when I was a DNP student. 22% very much to absolutely, 78% somewhat to not at all

Do these findings reflect your experience and point of view?

Click HERE to take the January 2019 Survey
Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and productive 2019. As we move into this new year our professional commitments are impacted by the world around us. We hope that we may individually and collectively address the needs of patients both as individuals and populations with the skill sets developed as nurses and as nurses with a terminal practice degree. The Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. organization is dedicated to improving healthcare outcomes by promoting and enhancing the doctorally prepared nursing professional.

This year the DNP Inc. organization will continue to provide these services:

* Annual National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference. This year join colleagues for the 12th National DNP National Conference to take place August 7-9, 2019 at the Fairmont Washington, DC Georgetown.
* OUTCOMES, the monthly electronic newsletter
* Doctoral Project Repository: An Archive of Curated Documents reflecting DNP scholarly practice
* University DNP Programs Listing
* Events and Conference of interest to doctorally prepared nurses
* Faculty information to support DNP Education
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Other strategies that will continue to be developed and enhanced in 2019 include Continuing Education offerings, and the DNP Inc. Foundation to support the completion or expansion of DNP scholarly practice projects. We will continue to reach out to nurses in the United States and Internationally to support effort to improve outcomes.

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Conference Theme: Contributions of the DNP Prepared Nurse: Policy Influencing Outcomes

Abstracts submitted, must be aligned with the conference theme and address the conference objectives:

Objectives

After participation in the 2019 Twelfth National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference
Washington, DC, attendees will be able to:
1. Identify processes of developing and implementing policy to improve healthcare outcomes.
2. List examples of how the DNP prepared nurse participates in policy development and implementation in academia, clinical practice, administration, research and informatics.
3. Describe ways that DNP prepared nursing professionals collaborate to influence change.

Submission Deadline
All submissions must be completed by 11:59 PM Eastern, February 15, 2019. No submissions or edits will be accepted after the deadline.

All presenters attending the conference listed on the abstract submission are expected to register and attend the full three-day conference. Every author listed on the abstract will be required to provide biographic and conflict of interest disclosure information during the abstract submission. The provided Biographical/Conflict of Interest (BIO/COI) form must be completed for each author. It is the responsibility of the primary author to assure that all documents are included before submitting the abstract. The abstract will not be reviewed if this information is missing.

A maximum of four presenters may be listed per abstract submission. Once an abstract is accepted for presentation, changes to this list of presenters including credential and affiliations may not be made. Presenters cannot be added, and substitutions will not be accepted. The primary author must attend and present.

The primary author is the point of contact for all communications regarding the 12th National DNP Conference. This person will be responsible for assuring that the abstract submission process is complete, and all presenter BIO/COI forms are complete and uploaded for review by the conference nurse planner.
Review and Acceptance
Notification of abstract selection or non-selection status will be sent via email in May 2019. The primary author/presenter will be required to confirm his or her conference attendance and ability to present. All other authors that will attend the conference must also confirm their plans to attend and present. Please be sure that email addresses provided in the abstract submission process are valid, and that your system settings allow you to received mail from this system. We strongly urge you to send yourself a test email from the login page of the abstract submission site. **Invited presentations will be scheduled after the Primary Author has completed their conference registration.**

If you do not receive notification of acceptance or non-selection for your abstract by June, 2019, please send an email inquiry to conference staff at skco@dnpinc.org

**General Presenter Requirements**
If accepted for presentation, **all presenters must register for and attend the conference and be available to present on any of the three days of the conference.** Registration fees for presenters are discounted. Presenters assume all costs related to travel, accommodations, and registration. Failure to register will result in the forfeit of the presentation.

**Presenter requirements:**
- Assume responsibility for obtaining all copyright permissions for content.
- The Primary Author for the presentation must submit an electronic version of the presentation (Poster; mini-podium, or breakout podium presentation) by **11:59 PM Eastern, June 15, 2019. Modifications cannot be made after that deadline, nor will presenter be able to upload their presentation during the conference.**
- **Once approved, absolutely no changes may be made to the abstract or poster.**
- Handouts of all presentations (poster, mini-podium, and breakout podium) are recommended for distribution to interested conference attendees. Provision of these handouts is the responsibility of the presenter. We recommend you bring 200+ printed handouts. The conference organizers will not provide copies of handouts for conference attendees.
- Laser pointers will not be provided so please bring your own if you would like to use one.
- All Breakout Podium and Mini-Podium presentations will be recorded, so please be sure to speak into the microphone and help to assure that all audience questions are also recorded.

**Digital Poster presenter requirements:**
- **As this is a digital poster presentation, please do not bring a hard-copy poster to the conference for display.**
- **All presentations must be submitted in PPT or PPTX format (Standard 4:3). Please do not send your presentation in PDF as it cannot be accommodated.**
- **Poster presenters will be required to provide two 10-minute oral presentations.**
- **In the single-slide poster presentation include the following in large font centered at the top of the poster:**
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• your presentation. A good method is setting up your poster in a column format so that individuals interested can read your poster, first vertical, then top to bottom, and then left to right.

• **Use a type size that can be read easily from a considerable distance (4 feet or more).** Try using a type between 18-22 pt. The title should be larger than the rest of the text. Select a font such as Times New Roman, Arial, or Helvetica.

• Posters should stimulate discussion, not give a long presentation. Therefore, **keep text to a minimum, emphasize graphics**, and make sure every item in your poster is necessary.

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• Approved versions of posters will be loaded onto the DNP Conference Web Site prior to the conference, provided releases have been given and the materials are approved before the deadline for the site. They may also be loaded onto the conference mobile app.

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