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Health Sciences Faculty Collaboration to Implement Interprofessional Education

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Essentials are required competencies in order to prepare nurses for advanced practice roles (American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN], 2006). Interprofessional collaboration, effective communication, and leadership within multidisciplinary teams are required skills for the DNP prepared nurse (AACN, 2006). A nurse educator must have the requisite knowledge to develop and implement interprofessional educational activities along with the skills to work with faculty from other health science disciplines. I have been involved in interprofessional education (IPE) since 2009 and will note some of the lessons learned. I specifically wish to relate collaboration and program development with various faculty and healthcare disciplines through my emerging DNP lens.

Healthcare professionals need to be trained to work as members of interdisciplinary teams (Institute of Medicine [IOM], 2003). Effective team members have skills which include knowing other team members expertise and skills to communicate effectively (IOM, 2003). The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) has developed core competencies to help direct curriculum across disciplines. With my colleagues from Medicine, Pharmacy, and other health disciplines, I have represented Nursing as part of a Macy grant. My institution established this team to develop a curriculum for all students in the healthcare programs. The team is tasked to set the agenda of selection of IPEC competencies, guide the curriculum development, and organize faculty teams. The overall goal is to devise a plan for students to learn from and about each other. The focused competencies selected were related to role, communication, and teamwork.

Many lessons have been learned about collaborating with faculty since we implemented the core curriculum five years ago, including how to educate faculty, barriers related to scheduling, differences in ideas about student learning, and professional accountability. The first year we educated faculty by using just-in-time training, a method used at the faculty development workshop I attended. The intent is to save faculty time by reviewing the content within a few hours of the activity and omit the need for another meeting day for training. This method was not well received for our event. The facilitators requested to read and review the material in advance. The process for developing faculty has been changed to be one hour face-to-face sessions, with a variety of times about one week prior to the IPE event for experienced facilitators and longer sessions for new facilitators. A learning management system is now used to provide access to the program materials.

There were knowledge deficits and problems with the faculty facilitators. Most of the facilitators are faculty and did not have experience facilitating. They also had trouble relating to other disciplines. Mladenovic and Tilden (2017) endorse that faculty may not know about their partners’ professions. In looking back, to improve how we approached working together as a curricular team, I would suggest having activities for faculty to get to know each other as a first step. Debriefing each year after the IPE events to discuss what went well, what did not and how we can improve has been beneficial. It is important not to get discouraged and to continue working together and keep the focus on this work to improve population outcomes.

Scheduling was a major lesson learned. Schedules within each health college varies. The first year, we gave each facilitator a team of 10 students from different disciplines and asked them to schedule six meetings over an academic year. For many teams, it was not possible to find times everyone was available. We solved the scheduling problem with input from a student focus group. They suggested increasing the number of hours per day and concentrating the meetings within a month to provide an opportunity for students to get to know each other better. A faculty representative from each college brought their academic calendars and with several colleges adjusting classes, we identified 3 Fridays within one month and have reserved these Fridays each year for the IPE core curriculum.

Some faculty embraced experiential learning while others had a hard time with this concept and wanted to assess learning and give assignments for grading. Faculty assignments have been changed within most of the healthcare colleges to exclude facilitators who were not engaged. Some faculty, surprisingly, did not meet professional expectations. Despite these challenges and those I previously mentioned, I feel the DNP is preparatory for leading and developing IPE programs. The health sciences faculty collaboration was a great opportunity and example of this DNP Essential.

References


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Last month we touched in on the makings of a metaphor between the preparation and delivery of a good meal, and the actions of nursing professionals with an emphasis on the terminally prepared nurse. This article goes deeper into this metaphor. I hope you are hungry.

On television shows like Top Chef, experts compete to create amazing meals with prescribed ingredients in a limited amount of time. The results of the creativity of these chefs is what helps to drive the ratings and keep us coming back for more. When we, as terminally degreed nurses with a practice degree are in the kitchen (so to speak), what do we rely on to help us prepare amazing processes and outcomes. Some will say that the ability of the DNP prepared nurse to contribute is based on educational preparation and a scope and depth of expertise to produce a favorable outcome. But where did we learn which ingredients could or should be used in the creation of a work product that will produce a favorable outcome, improvement of quality, or change in practice?

Let’s go back to the kitchen. Wise people have created food and flavor wheels to show which flavor molecules can be paired and combined for a desired taste. Consider this flavor wheel specific to coffee. (Click into this site for a larger image.)

This image shows the particulars of how flavors can be paired and/or appreciated. What talent created this flavor wheel? How does this talent reflect our efforts in the nursing discipline?

We need to thank the creators of the science for the ability to do what we do. The colleagues in nursing that have generated the theory and science of what we enjoy in building our work products are the theorists and PhD prepared nurses that have created this flavor wheel for the discipline to produce, modify, and build innovation in our efforts to improve health care outcomes.

Did the DNP prepared nurse generate the foundations of how to apply the molecular structures (aka Scientific Underpinnings) to a knowledge base that affords the creativity of practice? I conjecture that we must thank our PhD colleagues, but current and from the past, as they generated the knowledge that we apply to practice. Innovation and ingenuity can take place as a result of decades of nursing knowledge. To again apply the food flavor metaphor, the chefs of today rely on the knowledge generated by great chefs of the past. We all now have the challenge of continuing to build our repertoire of collective skills to move toward improving outcomes.

Part 3 of this three-part series will address how we collaborate, cooperate, and build teams to produce the best product. If we were working in a kitchen the hierarchy of chefs may include an Executive Chef, head Chef, Sous Chef, and Chef de Partie (Station chef or line chef). Other essential members include a kitchen porter, expeditor, wait staff, and dishwasher. This team and more can be translated into our respective roles as professional nurses of all levels of education and application of skills and talents. We, as a discipline are creating great meal (aka, healthcare outcomes). We are only as good as the last meal.

Check into next month’s issue as we wrap up this analogy and explore lessons to be learned from professional chefs.
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DNP Repository Featured Scholars

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Heart Failure Readmissions, by Dr. Patrick Ndoro, a graduate of Touro University Nevada.

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

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**CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD IN THE DNP ONLINE COMMUNITY**

**Recruitment for DNP Competency Study** By Tracey Chan, a PhD student at Duquesne University. If you qualify to participate in this Delphi study, please support this colleague in her important work.

**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.

**DNP Groups of Interest: (the latest activity in the Online Community)**
- DNPs of Color – DOCs
- Texas DNP
- Executive Leadership DNP
- Doctors of Nursing Practice of Nevada (DNPN)

**Events of Interest to DNP Students and Graduates**

**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

**Dermatology Nurses’ Association 2019 National Conference**, February 27-March 2, 2019

**National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists Annual Conference**, March 6-9, 2019

**National League for Nursing/University of Central Florida Simulation Conference**, March 6-8, 2019.

**NAPNAP 40th National Conference**, March 7-10, 2019

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January 2019 Survey explored the involvement and capabilities of the DNP prepared professional nurse in systems leadership. What are your thoughts on these findings?

Question 1: DNP Essential II addresses organizational and systems leadership for quality improvement and systems thinking. As a result of my DNP education, I am confident that I reflect the expectation of this Essential in my daily practice regardless of the environment. 87% very much to absolutely, 13% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: My systems thinking ability has been enhanced as a result of my DNP education. 86% very much to absolutely, 14% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: I am now in a leadership position as a result of earning the DNP degree. 55% very much to absolutely, 45% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: I can easily share actions that are a part of my daily job that improve quality. 73% very much to absolutely, 27% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: Organizational leadership addressed in the Master’s level of education is enhanced in the DNP level of education, making this essential a foundation of doctoral prepared practice. 87% very much to absolutely, 13% somewhat to not at all

Do these findings reflect your experience and point of view?

Click HERE to take the February 2019 Survey
The 11th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in Palm Springs, CA is in the rear-view mirror as we drive forward in preparation for the 12th National Conference in Washington, DC. August 7-9, 2019 are the dates with the theme: Contributions of the DNP Prepared Nurse: Policy Influencing Outcomes. Join friends and colleagues to identify processes of developing and implementing policy to improve healthcare outcomes; list examples of how the DNP prepared nurse participates in policy development and implementation in academia, clinical practice, administration, research and informatics; describe ways that DNP prepared nursing professionals collaborate to influence change. These objectives will illustrate the evolving roles and opportunities for our discipline and the contributions of the DNP prepared nurse.

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**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.

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