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NEW ORLEANS!!!

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Drug overdose deaths and opioid-involved deaths continue to escalate in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid. Since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids has quadrupled. From 2000 to 2015 more than half a million people died from drug overdoses. 91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose. These numbers are staggering.

So what is being done about the opioid epidemic? There have been numerous studies which attempt to offer insight into the cause and solution of the opioid epidemic. The CDC has published a new guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain. A report by a special committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) found that although opioid prescribing has been declining and the number of overdose deaths from prescription opioids has remained relatively stable in recent years, deaths from illicit opioids such as heroin have tripled in the past decade.

At the state level, a report by CNN shows that drug overdose deaths are increasing in all 50 states. Drugs now kill more people than cars or guns. Heroin-related deaths increased 439% from 1999 to 2014. As of 2014, heroin-related deaths had more than tripled in five years and quintupled in 10 years. This same CNN report lists the top five drug overdoses by state as West Virginia, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

As a resident of Ohio, I have seen several initiatives to curb the drug problem. These include shutting down pill mills, establishing prescriber guidelines for the number of opiates that can be prescribed, increasing access to naloxone, “Good Samaritan” legislation that provides immunity from prosecution to those who seek emergency help for the victim of an overdose, and implementing a program that diverts drug abusers from jail into recovery.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has also instigated measures to abate the drug epidemic. The FDA has expanded access to abuse-deterrent formulations to discourage abuse, strengthening the requirements for drug companies to generate postmarket data on the long-term impact of using ER/LA opioids because the evidence to steer the use of opioid medications, particularly in the setting of long-term use, is substantially deficient, and broadening access to overdose treatment.

But are these measures enough? Only time will tell. I urge you to contact your legislators and share your thoughts and opinions of the opioid epidemic. To find out who your senator is, you can go here [Who's my senator?](#) And to find your representative you can go here [Who is my representative?](#)



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received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at The Ohio State University in May 2011. She currently serves Coordinator of Nurse Practitioner Programs and Associate Professor at Mount Carmel College of Nursing; she has served in this role since November, 2015. She also serves as a Visiting Professor for Chamberlain University in 2014. She has been a Board

Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner since 2005 and she is also Board Certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. She has worked in a variety of patient settings most recently in hematology working with patients who had leukemia and lymphoma. She is licensed as a Registered Nurse in 12 states which permits her to educate students across the U.S. She has an extensive teaching history which includes Health Policy, Health Assessment, and Transition to Professional Roles for Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Beavers-Kirby is a founder, past president, and president elect for the Council for Ohio Health Care Advocacy (COHCA). She is also a devoted patient advocate and is actively involved with the Ohio Nurses Association Legislative Committee and she is an Ambassador for the Arthritis Foundation Policy.

2017 10th National Conference New Orleans Plenary Speaker

Dr Hurst is Associate Professor, LGMC/BORSF Endowed Professor in Nursing, and Graduate Coordinator at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is currently a 2016-2017 Fellow in the Leadership in Academic Nursing Program with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Hurst has 25 years' experience in high/low-risk antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum care.

She received the DNP and MSN from Case Western Reserve University, certificate in nurse-midwifery from Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing and a BSN and BS in Business Administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. A member of the editorial advisory board for Nursing for Women's Health and Healthy Mom and Baby, she serves on multiple AWHONN committees including the National Expert Panel for the Empowering Women to Seek Needed Care project, served two terms as Louisiana Section Chair, is AWHONN State Nurse Leader for the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Project, and represented AWHONN as a panelist on a national ANA webinar on Zika virus.

She has presented at numerous local, regional and national events, has multiple publications and is a reviewer for multiple journals. Her primary interest focuses on the promotion of evidence-based practice in maternity care to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors of the CWRU/FPB Alumni Association and is member of both the Fetal/Infant Mortality Review and Child Death Review Panels in her region.



Helen Hurst, DNP, RNC-OB, APRN-CNM



2017 Tenth National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference New Orleans



2017 Tenth National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference: New Orleans *Celebrating 10 Years: Diversity & Inclusion in Practice*

Conference Objectives

1. Reflect the progress of DNP practice through the last decade,
2. Explore the ways diversity contributes to strength and impact on health care outcomes,
3. Highlight the ways DNP prepared professionals mitigate the impact of health care disparities, and,
4. Discuss innovative and inclusive approaches to practice led by DNP prepared nursing professionals.

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Complete evaluation forms reflecting participation, insights and feedback

This activity has been submitted to the Western Multi-State Division for approval to award nursing contact hours. The Western Multi-State Division is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

For more information regarding contact hours, please call Stephen Campbell-O'Dell at 1-888-651-9160 option 2

16 CE's anticipated



CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD IN THE DNP ONLINE COMMUNITY

[It is Apathy of Lack of Understanding for the DNP Degree?](#) Posted by Cindy Sneller brings a new perspective and fresh appreciation of this practice degree. Join the conversation!

[Welcome to the Online Journal/Book Discussion](#) started by Donna Lester with entries and comments that support our collective professional growth. See offerings, commentary and critiques provided by colleagues.

[DNP vs. PhD for Nurse Educators](#) by Daigui Frieling and colleagues continue to share a perspective that resonates with all of us in both practice and academia.

[Imposter Syndrome](#) posted by Margaret Baker continues the discussion of the lived experience of transitioning into practice. This phenomenon is pertinent to us all.

DNP Groups of Interest:

- [California Organization of Doctors of Nursing Practice \(CODNP\)](#)
- [Minnesota Network of Practicing DNPs](#)
- [Midwest DNP Clinical Scholars](#)
- [Mississippi Educational Consortium for the DNP](#)
- And others.

August and September 2017 Events:

- [AANN 2017 Stroke Conference](#)
- [NPACE Primary Care Conference](#)
- [34th Annual AAHN Nursing Conference](#)
- [NPACE Pharmacology Update](#)
- [Nurse Anesthesia Annual Conference](#)
- [10th Annual Advanced Practice provider \(APRN & PA\) Leadership Summit](#)
- [10th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference](#)
- [National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference](#)
- [9th Annual EBP / Research Conference](#)
- [AAMN 2017 Annual Conference](#)

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.

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JULY 2017 DNP, INC SURVEY RESULTS

July 2017 Survey Results: The practice of nursing and influence on teaching

The July 2017 survey requested perspectives of satisfaction with earning the DNP degree. Where does your point of view fit with these responses?

Question 1: My satisfaction with DNP prepared practice is intrinsic.

65% very much to absolutely, 35% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: I enjoy my career path more as a result of earning the DNP degree.

80% very much to absolutely, 20% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: My educational experiences earning the DNP degree were logical and supported my efforts to improve my status as an advanced practice nurse.

85% very much to absolutely, 15% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: Colleagues look up to me and support me as a result of earning the DNP degree.

65% very much to absolutely, 35% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: If I had to do it again, I would earn this degree without hesitation.

85% very much to absolutely, 15% somewhat to not at all

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

Click [HERE](#) to take the August 2017 survey



ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Here's a brief list of activities taking place at Doctors of Nursing Practice Inc.

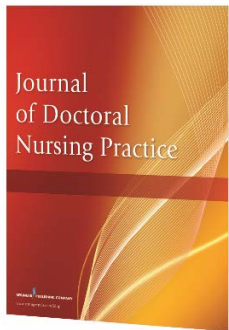
- Continuing to promote and build on the synergy between the Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice and collaboration with DNP Inc. (*See page 8* in this issue of **OUTCOMES** for more information)
- Reaching out to Deans, Directors and Graduates of DNP programs sharing information about services offered at DNP Inc., requesting sign up to the mailing list
- Finalizing the Continuing Education Packet required by the ANCC for CE approval of the [10th National DNP Conference](#) taking place September 13-15, 2017 in New Orleans
- Working with the technology team to finalize improved processes for the [Doctoral Project Repository](#) and also the [Doctoral Project Dissemination Team](#)
- Laying the foundation to generate and posting enduring continuing education on the DNP Inc. web site
- Exploring services that can help to elicit and manage processes for a successful campaign for grant and scholarship funding

There are plenty of activities designed to enhance the status and success of the DNP prepared professional. Please share this information with friends and colleagues.

Useful Links

[DNP PROGRAM LIST](#)[FACULTY RESOURCES](#)[INDIVIDUAL BLOGS](#)[VALUABLE LINKS](#)[CAREER LISTINGS](#)[GROUP PAGES](#)[DNP PROJECT REPOSITORY](#)[MULTIPLE FORUM TOPICS](#)[GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS](#)[ADVERTISING OPTIONS](#)

2017 DNP Conference Exhibitor



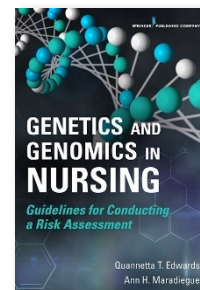
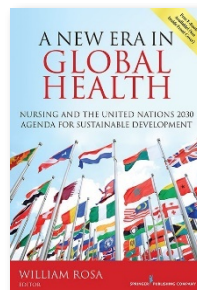
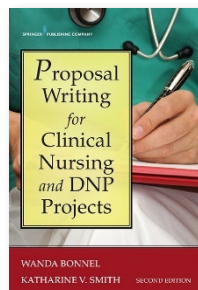
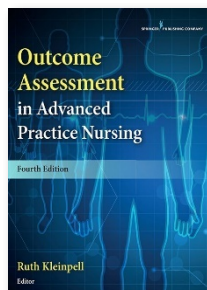
The *Journal of the Doctoral Nursing Practice (JDNP)* and **Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. (DNP Inc.)** are working together to promote the profession of nursing and enhance the doctoral nursing practice.

Since 2007 the *JDNP* (formerly known as *Clinical Scholars Review*) has published peer-reviewed articles that demonstrate clinical excellence in the application of evidence-based practice of doctoral nursing, while reflecting the expertise and impact of the DNP prepared nursing professional.

Springer Publishing Company, Dr. Stephen Ferrara (Editor-In-Chief of the journal), and leaders in **DNP Inc.** are committed to supporting the advancement of the doctoral nursing practice.

To that end, members of the DNP Online Community are eligible for discounts on the following:

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Leadership and the DNP

Over the past several years, DNP programs have emerged across the country specializing in healthcare systems leadership, nursing leadership or executive leadership. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree is not solely a clinical practice degree. According to the AACN DNP Essential document, DNP graduates in administrative, healthcare policy, informatics, and population-based specialties focus their practice on aggregates: populations, systems (including information systems), organizations, and state or national policies. These specialties generally do not have direct patient care responsibilities. (AACN, 2017). As of today, there are 303 DNP programs and 125 PhD programs in the US. (AACN, 2017). There is room for both degrees as we need both researchers and practice leaders. This is not a competition! Nurse leader turnover is high (nationally, Chief Nurse Executive turnover rates are at 35%), and there is a need for DNPs to assume leadership roles.

Nurse leaders seeking a DNP terminal degree benefit significantly, as do their organizations. As we move from an acute care focus to a focus on caring for patients throughout the continuum of care, nursing leadership is critical. The DNP leader brings a macro-level perspective to the table. We need nurses that are prepared at the doctoral level to lead interprofessional teams of individuals that collectively care for patients and populations. The PhD or EdD degrees do not typically prepare nurses lead, however the DNP curriculum does.

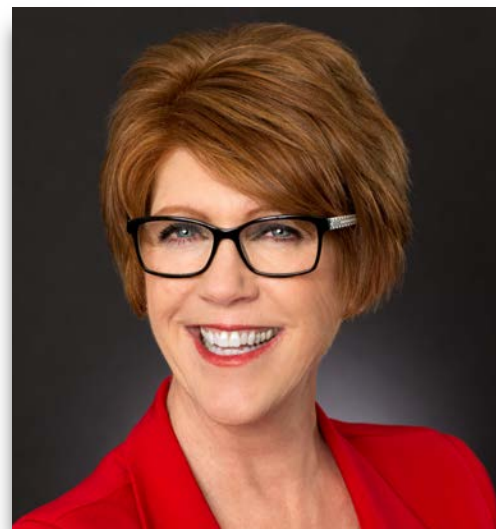
The DNP is a degree not a role. There are several roles that the DNP nurse leader can assume, to name a few:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Operating Officer
- Chief Nursing Officer
- Chief Informatics Officer
- Director of Education
- Director of Magnet Program
- Director of multiple service lines
- Leading teams of interprofessionals
- Partnering with medical director
- Director of Care Transition

The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), supports the Doctor of Nursing Practice organization and the DNP degree.

An AONE white paper written in 2002, states that AONE supports the DNP as a terminal degree option for practice- focused nursing. The current AONE president holds a DNP: Joan Shinkus Clark, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, FAAN, Senior Vice President and System Chief Nurse Executive Texas Health Resources, Arlington, Texas. Additionally, there are several members of the current board of directors that hold DNP degrees. The President-Elect is Robert L. Dent, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, Senior Vice President, Chief Operating and Chief Nursing Officer, Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland, Texas.

As a former board member of AONE, as Treasurer, I am excited that this national nursing leadership organization supports the DNP. Since DNPs are prepared at the macrosystem level to lead teams of not only nurses, but other healthcare professionals, it is evident that as we move towards population health management and care along the entire continuum, the DNP will play an



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A Professional Journey with the West African College of Nursing

In this month's issue of *OUTCOMES*, we are proud to highlight a DNP colleague who is actively contributing to the growth and development of colleagues in Africa. Please enjoy the article reflecting how one dedicated nursing colleague can impact a large population and nursing colleagues.

Background

Poverty, hunger, high maternal and child mortality, increasing morbidity and mortalities from HIV/AIDS, malaria, emergent infections, and strife, are a few of the many challenges facing the West Africa Health Community. One organization that is addressing these challenges is the West African College of Nursing.

West African College of Nursing (WACN) began as an agency of the West African Health Organization in 1981. Membership of the college is drawn from Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra-Leone, and Benin Republic. The aims of the college are to promote excellence in nursing education and practice, contribute to the improvement of health care, and to promote research/scholarly activities in the field of nursing within this sub-region. Fellows of the college include nurse educators and leaders from backgrounds including medical-surgical, maternal and child health, behavioral health, and community health nursing.

WACN works towards attaining sustainable goals that will contribute to improving the wellbeing and health of residents in the West African region. Through its many programs, the college strives to foster collaborative measures among member nations to advance the nursing profession and to address challenges impacting healthcare system within the sub-region. One program is the biennial conference, which is rotated among member nations.

Speaking at the WACN 2017 biennial conference

I was privileged to attend and speak at one of the general sessions of the WACN 14th Biennial General Meeting, 23rd Scientific Session & 37th Council Meetings held at Abuja, Nigeria from July 1 - 8, 2017. Because the region is still recovering from the devastating effect of the Ebola outbreak which ravaged citizens and claimed the lives of many nurses, the theme for this year's conference was aptly titled, Emerging health emergencies: Community and health workforce responses in the Sub-Region. Before the outbreak, the health care system in most of the nations in the sub-region was either weak or broken, and the outbreak further compounded the fragile healthcare sector and its workforce. The WACN biennial conference, therefore, provided a unique opportunity for member nations to collectively re-order priorities and re-vamp plans in preparedness for the future. Additional areas of concern discussed at the conference were health workforce and task shifting, application of mobile solutions in universal health care and inter- and intra-professional collaboration in healthcare.

At one of this year's general sessions, I spoke on Innovative healthcare approaches: The role of mobile solutions in universal health coverage. The "how" and the "when" of universal health coverage is one of the contemporary issues affecting the health care sector both in developed and developing nations. The evolution and integration of mobile solutions into the health care sector has its pros and cons in the light of ensuring that citizens of the world have access to affordable patient-centered care.

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Other support of WACN goals

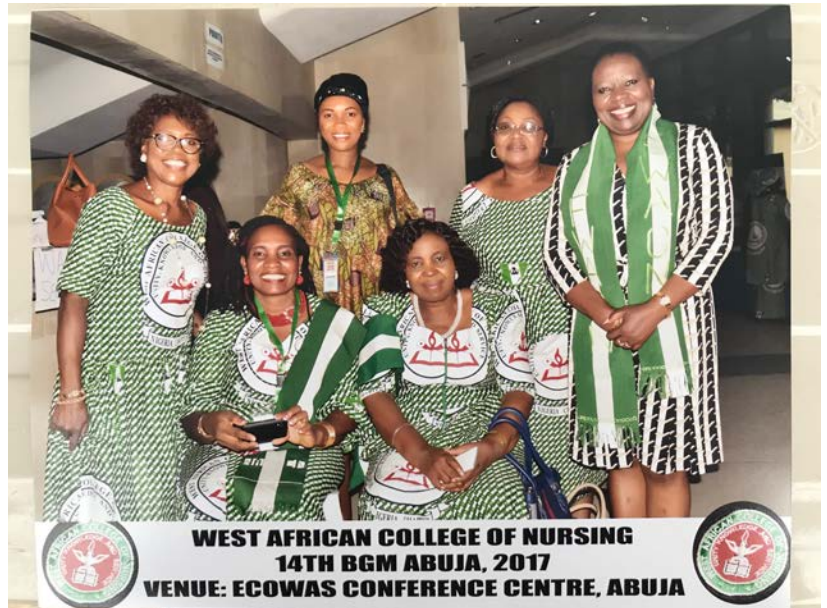
To promote excellence in nursing education, schools of nursing and nursing councils should have adequate resources including current reference materials. I observed a dearth of current textbooks in many schools of nursing. This prompted a donation of reference books to a nursing council to aid nursing examiners. At the request of a principal of a nursing school in Nigeria, hundreds of nursing books were donated to the school.

To ensure that the WACN’s scientific sessions are on par with those in other continents, in 2011 and under the college presidency of Dr. Grace Ugochukwu, Ph.D., RN, the college started awarding contact hours for its educational sessions. I was asked to assist with facilitating and collaborating with United States-based approving nursing bodies to obtain contact hours for WACN’s nursing educational programs. Since then, the college has awarded contact hours for its scientific sessions which has enabled nurses in the sub-region to meet several professional requirements overseas where contact hours are required.

I also facilitate the compilation of feedback from sessions and the overall conference evaluation.

Altogether, I fully intend to continue supporting WACN’s worthy strive to advance nursing profession, and combat the ailments that are currently plaguing the West African health sector, through education and by providing resources for strategic development.

Comfort N. Obi, DNP (c), MBA, MSN, RN, Ne-BC, FWACN has been a nurse for more than 35 years. She served in leadership positions in hospitals, human resources, and the nursing board. She is currently in her last semester of the doctoral nursing program at Georgia College and State University, in Milledgeville, Georgia. She is passionate about mentoring and empowering nurses and new leaders.





JDNP and DNP Inc.: A Great Team

The Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice (JDNP) and Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. (DNP Inc.) continue to develop methods to assure that all professional interested in the contributions of the DNP prepared professional have access to valuable information. We applaud the kind folks at Springer Publishing Company and Dr. Stephen Ferrara, the editor of JDNP for their commitment to this initiative.

Stephen Ferrara, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, has invested and contributed to our profession for many years. We are proud to associate with Stephen and share an article he contributed to Daily Nurse Newsletter, a Publication of Springer Publishing Company.

[CLICK HERE to view the article: Why the DNP is Here to Stay](#)

It is an honor to work with Dr. Ferrara and experts at Springer Publishing as we press this initiative forward. Please keep your eyes open for future opportunities to grow professionally, and support our discipline through these processes.

