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Conducting a DNP Project in a Unionized Hospital

Doctoral of Nursing Practice (DNP) students inevitably will be presented with their own personal challenges during the development and implementation of their DNP project. Some of the adversities that the student may incur range from deciding on a topic of interest that the student is passionate about through obtaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval to procuring an adequate sample size during recruitment. These difficulties confirm to the student that all challenges are not "created equal." A DNP student conducting an experimental study with healthcare staff members in a unionized hospital is one example of a unique situation that could present additional roadblocks. If you are a student facing this particular challenge, allow me to offer some perspective.

Often, hospital staff are in favor of joining a union labor workforce, to protect the staff member's interest along with improving wages, hours of work and conditions in which the job is to be performed. Likewise, the DNP project should support the mission of the union by keeping the participants' best interest in mind. Despite these mutual goals, a unionized hospital can hinder the DNP project to reach the objective of implementing a new process to improve working conditions and job satisfaction. The hesitations to allow such growth could result from the presence of several inclusion criteria of the healthcare staff (i.e. less than one-year nursing experience), gender and/or employment in a specific nursing specialty.

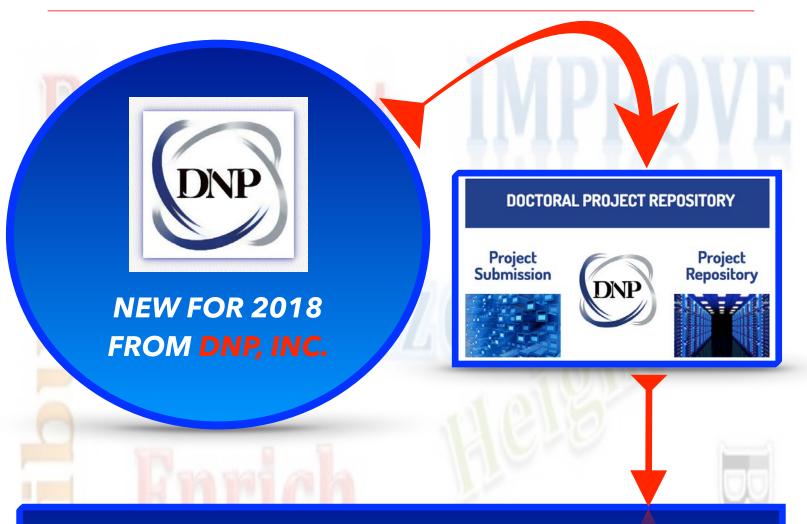
In the defense of the union, the exclusion criteria may exclude the non-participants criteria may exclude the nonparticipants of the study from the ability to obtain extra wages/stipends for participation or additional educational opportunities if rendered. Allowing only a selected few of the hospital's healthcare staff members to individually benefit from participation in a study steers away from unified representation of all union members employed at the hospital. Ultimately, the union is a paid advocate of all its members ensuring that each financial contributor is afforded an equal opportunity to work and earn a viable income.

Without the union's approval to a conduct the study on their union members, the study cannot proceed despite having met all other requirements and receiving the permission from the hospital administration themselves. An option that maybe permitted by the union for the principal investigator (PI) to proceed with the study will be to allow the experiment to accept all union members regardless of the inclusion or exclusion criteria. Fulfilling this request, an accurate assessment of the specific population will not be able to be achieved during the experiment. Although this specific request is altruistic – garnering accurate data supporting the study under these terms becomes problematic for the PI as the information deviates from the intent and purpose. In conclusion, the presence of a union within a hospital where the DNP candidate has proposed to conduct a study, it inevitably will place several obstacles. Suggestions for successfully overcoming these adversities include offering transparency of the study's objectives, communication of inclusion and exclusion of participants as well as an open agreement for sharing the final results of the study. The PI's willingness to be forthcoming with the union board, the participants and hospital will certainly foster a trust and belief in the purpose of the study serving the greater good. Sharing a desire to improve the working environment can be accomplished through the proposed study – this is illuminated in the mission of both union board as well as the current Doctor of Nursing Practice student conducting the experiment.



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Dr. JoAnn Trybulski

We Mourn the Loss of a Friend

With great sadness we share our warm thoughts to the family of Dr. JoAnn Trybulski. For those that do not know her name, you may know of her contributions to our profession. Dr. Trybulski authored and coauthored textbooks and scholarly articles to enhance our profession. She was instrumental in the development of the DNP program at the University of Miami and before retirement took the reigns of the DNP program at what is now Chamberlain University.

JoAnn Trybulski offered her skills, talents, and kind guidance to many and gave freely of her time to Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. She was a presenter at numerous national conferences as she shared her experiences to enhance the skills and talents of the DNP prepared professional. Without a doubt, Dr. JoAnn Trybulski was a friend of all that is DNP and she will be missed.

She passed away unexpectedly on June 29, 2018. Her funeral service took place on Monday July 2, 2018 at Lakeside Memory Gardens in Eustis, FL.

Obituary information including a memory wall and photographs <u>can be found at this link</u>.





What are the Continuing Education Needs of the Doctorally Prepared Nurse?

This brief article begins with a real-life anecdote. As license renewal time came around this last year I wanted to be sure that I had all of the hours needed for state licensure renewal, and also build a case for national recertification. The continuing education offerings on-line were inexpensive and easy to complete, but they left me wanting more to help prepared me for the challenges of my profession.

The search for substantive continuing education is a tough one. National conferences and symposia are a great way to experience first-hand the latest talents and expertise of learned colleagues, yet these events are not always easy to attend. The National DNP Conferences are a case in point. The offer great information but this is only one time per year. So the hunt for continuing education of substance and applicability to my growing educational needs continued.

Publishing companies, such as Springer Publishing and Jones and Bartlett Publishing Company are great resources for educational needs, yet these offerings may provide limited benefits for those that are no longer students. Regardless, we all owe a great debt of gratitude to these and other publishing companies for contributing to the depth and scope of our educational preparation.

One resource for outstanding educational opportunities, as mentioned above, is through national conferences. The talent, depth and scope of expertise offered by colleagues through these venues are currently not available in an enduring format.

This leads me to a question and challenge for all that read this brief article. Who would be willing to be a part of a team to develop continuing education that can be posted to the DNP Inc. web site? I've explored this opportunity in the past and see that this venture is not a quick process. Several vehicles to assure success in this venture have been explored and many options may be viable for the purposes of creating and delivering enduring continuing education.

Do you have an interest in being a part of a team to develop continuing education to be offered by the DNP Inc. organization? If so, please share an email with your contact information and share your interests. It would be great to hear your thoughts. Please contact us at info@DNPInc.org.

Best wishes to all, David Campbell-O'Dell, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, FAANP President, Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.





CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD IN THE DNP ONLNE COMMUNITY

Ethics Survey of Nursing Leaders is a study sponsored by faculty colleagues at Old Dominion University and Paracelsus Medical University in Salzburg, Austria. The study will aid in identifying issues that face current nurse leaders in the U.S., Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Canada. Your participation is requested!

Stop what you are Doing: The very first thing to do when faced with a problem. This inspiring blog by a long-time contributor and colleagues, Eileen O'Grady, may be the best message you read all week.

<u>Tennessee NP Participation Needed</u> for a study that evaluates political astuteness. Traci Herrell creates the study. If you live in the great state of Tennessee, please participate in this survey.

DNP Role Study is the work of our colleague, Karen Mary Roush at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. The goal of the study is to examine how the DNP degree has influenced the nursing career, roles or clinical practice. Please support the expansion of knowledge.

DNPs: A Hot Commodity! Dr. Cheryl Ann Green comments on the future value of the DNP degree. Join the conversation!

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And others.

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JUNE 2018 DNP, INC SURVEY RESULTS

June 2018 Survey Results: The Rigor of DNP Education

The June 2018 survey requested feedback and perceptions of the intensity of DNP education. The results are a little surprising.

Question 1: I access online/enduring continuing educational offerings to help me meet my CE needs.

61% very much to absolutely, 39% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: The CE offerings I see online address my interest in practice. 50% very much to absolutely, 50% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: The CE offerings address my interest as a DNP prepared nurse. 38% very much to absolutely, 62% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: More CE offerings need to be made available specifically to those with the DNP degree.

76% very much to absolutely, 24% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: If CE offerings were available specific to the tenets of DNP practice (in various areas and practice environments) I would likely participate and purchase the module or lesson.

72% very much to absolutely, 28% somewhat to not at all

The results of this survey are very revealing: We, as DNP prepared nurses are hungry for continuing education that addresses our needs and professional development.

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

Click **HERE** to take the July 2018 Survey





ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

A company that communicates grows. The Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. organization strives to provide accurate and timely information in order to support, develop, and assist in disseminating professional practice innovation. This is a tall order that is dependent on two factors. One is the existence of information in the form of data, experiences, and the experiences of colleagues like you. Everyone involved in any aspect of our profession, regardless of degree or interest, has the skills and talents to provide information to help others.

The second factor that must be in place to help share information is the communication vehicle. The DNP Inc. organization has the structure to make this happen in several way, including:

- 1. The monthly electronic newsletter, OUTCOMES
- 2. The DNP Online community
- 3. Services such as the Repository and Program Listing pages, and,
- 4. Individual mailings inviting colleagues to view and investigate the services provided by DNP Inc.

This last effort of individualized mailings is a process that the organization has been developing for several months. We are approaching and inviting every known university school of nursing faculty to check out the services offered by DNP Inc. We are also working to invite nurses that may not have an immediate interest in the DNP degree to check out the web site to see what can be provided to enhance our discipline.

If you know someone that has an interest in enhancing outcomes by improving nursing practice, please forward this newsletter. Ask your friends and colleagues to join others to build our efforts to support improved outcomes. Your efforts add to the ability of many. Truly the sum of our efforts is greater than the individual parts. Share your talents and engage a colleague.





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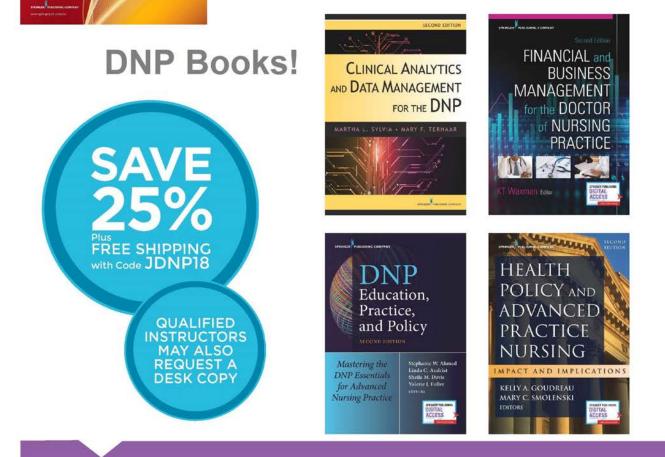
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- 4. Recommend strategies to apply evidence to practice

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