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## DNP INC. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Thank you to those large number of nursing colleagues that signed up for the NEW DNP online community at this link: <https://www.doctorsofnursingpractice.org/my-account/> We are transitioning from one online community system to this new one that is better integrated with all aspects of the DNP Inc. website and services provided. It is a work in progress and your participation is appreciated.

Ideas and initiatives to support the growth and development of the DNP prepared nursing colleague are being explored. If you have an interest in being a part of this process, please contact us at [info@dnvinc.org](mailto:info@dnvinc.org).

Services that continue to grow include the repository of scholarly practice projects, a listing of DNP programs, the Dissemination Team to support young DNP prepared practice scholars, and other activities to meet the mission and vision of this organization.

**The DNP Foundation** has been created to invest in our future of improving health care outcomes. Funds received are used for grants awarded to help colleagues complete or expand scholarly practice work while helping to assure the sustainability of the project. Please consider donating to the DNP Foundation as a corporate or individual sponsor. Your kindness will add to the ability to support our profession and the actions of those that have earned the DNP degree.

**The mission of Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. is to improve healthcare outcomes by promoting and enhancing the doctorally prepared nursing professional.**

The organization is dedicated to:

- Providing accurate and timely information
- Supporting, developing and disseminating professional practice innovation
- Collaborating in a professional manner that demonstrates universal respect for others, honesty, and integrity in communications and,
- Responding with open discussions and dialogues that promote the evolution of advanced nursing practice and the growth of the DNP degree.

We welcome you to visit the site, tap into the available services and offer your support and talents to help maintain the momentum of growth and development for us all.

Please visit the DNP Inc. website at [www.DoctorsofNursingPractice](http://www.DoctorsofNursingPractice).

Best wishes to all,  
David Campbell-O'Dell, DNP

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## **THE GLOBAL REACH OF THE DNP: SHARING OUR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN IRELAND PART 3**

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In this third of the series of our Fulbright experience in Ireland, we will focus on the Irish experience from the perspectives of academia, practice, culture, and travel. It is such an exciting experience to actually live in a country as a working guest, rather than vacation.

In Ireland, there are few with the practice doctorate. Our colleague, Catherine Corrigan graduated with her DNP at the University of Detroit Mercy. There are a few other DNP-prepared nurses that were educated in the United States and there was one identified program that had initiated a practice doctorate curriculum, but the program was on hold. The academics we met had great interest in learning about the differences between the PhD and the DNP and were particularly interested in the characteristics around our core essentials. Seeds were sown regarding practice scholarship and the practice doctorate in meetings with Dublin City University's nursing administration and faculty.

Nursing education in Ireland is unique to the country's culture and healthcare evolution. In Ireland, the BSN is required for entry into practice since 2000. Students focus on either the acute care perspective or community/mental health. There is an extensive focus on the community and mental health. There are practice nurses in the primary care offices that have advanced capabilities after further education, such as medication prescribing. In addition, midwifery is looked at as separate from nursing. Post graduate nurses continue on for specialty positions in diabetes and emergency room for example. Clinical nurse specialists focused on populations are not viewed as advanced practice. Advanced practice nurses are nurse practitioners, who have been trained within a specific area for a specific position, usually the emergency room. We had the opportunity to have many discussions both within academia and practice regarding their current roles.

Multiple networking and dissemination experiences occurred. Dianne partnered with Dr. Hussey for joint presentations for global conferences on nursing informatics in Ireland and a virtual presentation to a Spanish university. Several presentations were given on advanced practice nursing roles and education for faculty at DCU as well as at Ulster University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Rosanne presented at the Diabetes Ireland Conference and Exhibit (DICE) in February, speaking on the topics of advanced practice and informatics and another session on self-management and chronic disease. Networking at this conference expanded connections to the interprofessional diabetes community in Ireland. Also in February, she presented with Sally Decker PhD, RN from Saginaw Valley State University (a previous year Fulbrighter) on the experience of Nurses as Fulbright Scholars. This presentation was for the World Health Organization (WHO) Nursing 2020 Conference at the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland. Perhaps, the most important aspect of the experience was the development of collaborative partnerships through the field work and beyond. The relationship developed with Dr. Pamela Hussey and the Centre for eIntegrated Care was professionally and personally rewarding and sustainable. In addition, the Fulbright connections due to embassy events were rich with the opportunity to connect with Fulbright students and faculty in many fields.

We lived in Dublin and traveled by bus and train to the university, the hospitals and the Health Service Executive (HSE) office. Everyone we met was engaging, articulate, interesting and loved to share their viewpoints with us. We explored the history, the food (and Guinness!), nature – land and sea, music, the government structure, sports (became a Rugby fan!) and all things Irish! There is an honesty and earthiness to the people as a whole and a commitment to community that was refreshing. While we were there, we continued to communicate our experiences. Dianne had a wonderful blog (see [dianneconradirish.blogspot.com](http://dianneconradirish.blogspot.com)) and Rosanne completed 2 videoblogs:

**THE GLOBAL REACH OF THE DNP:  
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Videoblog #1

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As COVID engulfed the world, the impact in Ireland began to be felt in late February. The St. Patrick's Day parades were canceled, university classes went fully online, all meetings were canceled. Soon all of the pubs were closed as well. On March 15, after completing only 6 of the 12 weeks scheduled for the Fulbright, Rosanne had to return home due to COVID. Although, the work continued online – there is an incomplete feeling to the exploration with plans to follow up when travel resumes in our world.

Rosanne Burson and Dianne Conrad



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**NURSE PRACTITIONERS' KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES REGARDING ALCOHOL USE SCREENING AND COUNSELING**

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If you are a nationally certified nurse practitioner (NP) practicing in primary care, I am inviting you to participate in this anonymous, brief survey titled, "Nurse Practitioners' Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Regarding Alcohol Use Screening and Counseling."

The purpose of this study is to examine NPs' knowledge, attitudes and general practices in providing screening and counseling for patients who consume alcohol. This survey will also capture self-evaluation of skills and resources to identify potential barriers. Personal characteristics and demographics will also be assessed.

This survey is strictly anonymous and should only take about 10 minutes of your time. Your completion of the survey will serve as your implied consent and you have the right to refuse or discontinue participation at any time during the survey. I am in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at Old Dominion University, and this survey is part of my Capstone Project. Your participation will provide insight for potential interventions for alcohol use screening and counseling by nurse practitioners. The barriers to screening and counseling experienced exclusively by nurse practitioners have yet to be thoroughly evaluated as prior studies have only focused on physicians.

Stephanie Kilburn

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)  
to complete the survey

***Nurse Practitioners' Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices  
Regarding Alcohol Use Screening and Counseling***



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## MONTHLY DNP INC. SURVEY

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The August 2020 Survey explored thoughts on how to best recognize the contributions of DNP colleagues. What are your thoughts on these findings?

Question 1: This month we explore the option of developing a process of recognizing DNP colleagues who have contributed to our discipline in significant ways. Have you seen a DNP prepared colleague recognized for his or her contributions to healthcare reflecting work that was driven by DNP preparation?

7% very much to absolutely, 93% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: I know of a DNP prepared colleague that should receive recognition for significant contributions.

47% very much to absolutely, 53% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: DNP prepared colleagues are making a difference in healthcare delivery, yet are not being recognized enough.

73% very much to absolutely, 27% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: The recognition of DNP prepared colleagues is taking place under the auspices of other organizations, so it is not an important process to pursue.

7% very much to absolutely, 93% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: The DNP Inc. organization should pursue a fellow-ship type program to recognize the contributions of DNP prepared colleagues while tapping into this talent for future generations of DNP colleagues.

64% very much to absolutely, 36% somewhat to not at all

These are inspiring results pointing to the need to recognize and develop processes to continue to enhance the professional growth and development of DNP prepared colleagues.

Click [HERE](#)  
to complete the  
September 2020 DNP Survey

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## DNP INC. FEATURED REPOSITORY PROJECTS

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### *Dissemination Team Information*

With an on-going gratitude and we salute [San Jose State University](#) and [Purdue Global University](#) for contributing to our discipline by being Dissemination Team members. They have made a commitment to supporting their students in sharing the scholarly practice work of their DNP graduates. Their investment provides a \$5 discount for all students that upload their completed projects to the DNP Repository.

### *DNP Repository Featured Scholars*

The contributions and posting of doctoral projects in the DNP repository continue 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](#):

[A Quality Improvement Project to Test the Effectiveness of a Patient-Centered Pathway and Discharge Tool on Heart Failure Patient Engagement](#), by Matthew J. Martin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, NHDP-BC, CNML, a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

[A Mobile Phone HIV Medication Adherence Intervention: Care4Today Mobile Health Manager](#), by C. Andrew Martin, DNP, MS, RN, ACRN, CHPN, a graduate of Carlow University.

[Implementation of An Intentional Purposeful Hourly-Rounding Protocol in The Long-Term Acute Care Setting](#), by Evisencia G. Mathurin, DNP, FNP, BSN, RN, a graduate of Bradley University.

[Metabolic Screening Protocol for Patients on Second Generation Antipsychotic Medications](#), by Debra Mayers, DNP, a graduate of Touro University Nevada.

**The Doctoral Project Repository is an archive of curated documents. This archive is not peer-reviewed and does not replace or presume any publication effort. Each listing is owned by the individual that uploads the completed academic scholarly practice project. This service allows you to share ideas and work products into both the scholarly and consumer communities.**

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.

## DNP INC. ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

**To all colleagues, please note: A new and improved DNP Online Community is now in place. Please sign-up for the new site's online community by clicking the Login option on the top right hand corner of [www.DoctorsofNursingPractice.org](http://www.DoctorsofNursingPractice.org).**

**[EVENTS! See a listing of events to support professional growth.](#)**

**Groups including:**

- [DNP's of Color \(DOCs\)](#)
- [DNP's Seeking Positions in Academia](#)
- [Dual Certified DNP's](#)
- And more!**

**Forums including:**

- [September 2020 Survey](#)
- [Covid-19 Pandemic: Bearing Witness, Telling our Story](#)
- [DNP Faculty](#)
- [DNP Practice Issues](#)
- [DNP Professional Growth](#)
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**Blogs including:**

- [NPs' Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Regarding Alcohol Use Screening and Counseling](#)
- [The Impact of COVID-19 on DNP Practice](#)
- [Please participate in survey on scholarship outcomes of DNP's in practice](#)
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- [University of Maryland is seeking a Senior Director for their DNP Program](#)
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If you have an event that supports the growth and development of nursing colleagues, please send information via an email to: [info@DNPInc.org](mailto:info@DNPInc.org) so that we may post it for others to access.



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## BUILDING DNP SOCIAL CAPITAL: PRAISING OUR OWN

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*Modified and shared from the original publication in ADVANCE for Nurse Practitioners*  
David Campbell-O'Dell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. has a mission to enhance professional growth to improve healthcare outcomes. This is not done in isolation but instead requires collaboration and a sense of community of like-minded colleagues to contribute and potentiate the efforts of others. Good intentioned people acting in isolation do not reflect a community or highlight the virtues of these individuals. Cooperation is a foundational tenet of a community. Two or more DNPs in the workplace, in a geographically described location, or via an Internet connection can support the actions of a community. The end result of the talents of those that form a community is the product of their collective efforts. This is the social capital that can propel a community forward, or have it stall out before it ever materializes.

Social capital is an end product of building community. Are DNP prepared nursing professionals growing as a result of the social capital of a community? I believe that the answer is a hearty YES. Are improved health care outcomes being realized as a result of the expansion and development of this community? Again, the answer to that question is another YES as we continue to make contributions to improve healthcare outcomes.

Consider these wise words from [Kaminski in 2003](#).

Self-organized communities potentiate the development of a group identity and even, a group consciousness. A community memory and awareness can be created which facilitates decision-making, brainstorming, sharing and dialogue. These communities potentially elicit a number of empowering benefits including: community consciousness, innovation amplification, social capital, access, collective knowing and a context for exchange.

In 2014 the exploration of how to build a community of dedicated DNPs was put out for consideration. Seven short years later the result of building community is seen in about every aspect of health care that includes nurses and colleagues practicing with the knowledge earned with the DNP degree.

Are you helping to build social capital in your professional life? The Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. organization is one organization that is dedicated to improving outcomes as a result of enhancing professional colleagues. It is joined by many groups and individuals to share accomplishments, address challenges, exchange ideas, improve practice, and build the social capital that is the currency of change. It is not an organization to replace any other, nor is it intended to be in competition. WE are social capital. Collectively we fill the bank with dedication and perseverance. We invest this capital and utilize it to support others to continue to make a difference.

What will the next decade bring? Join the community to find out.



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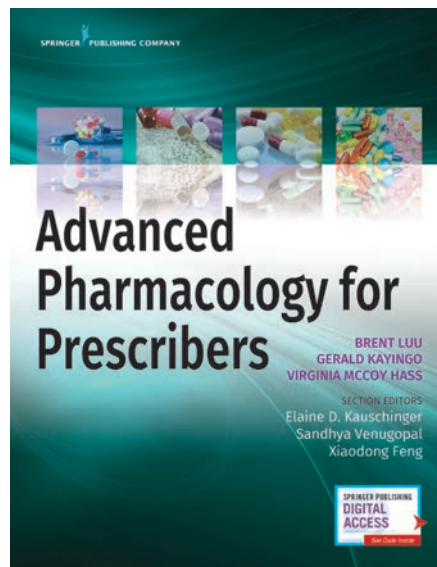
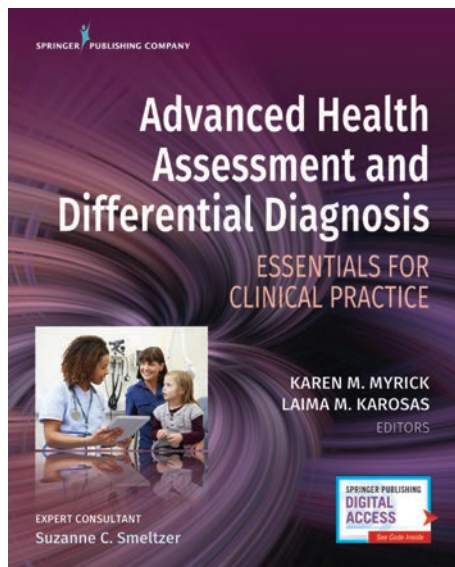
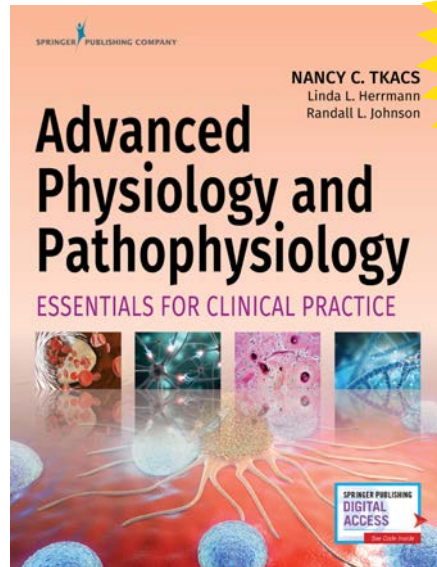
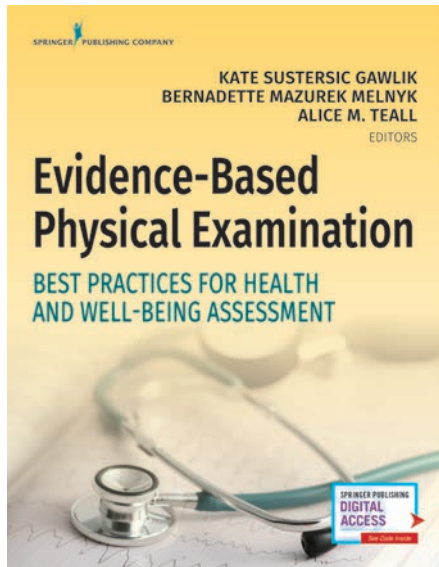
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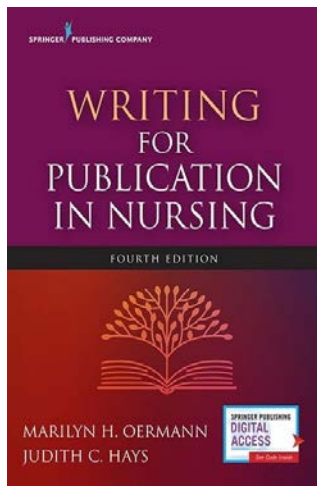
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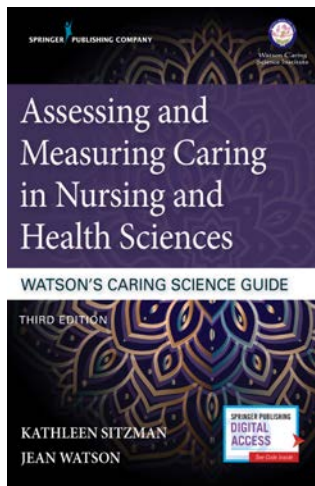
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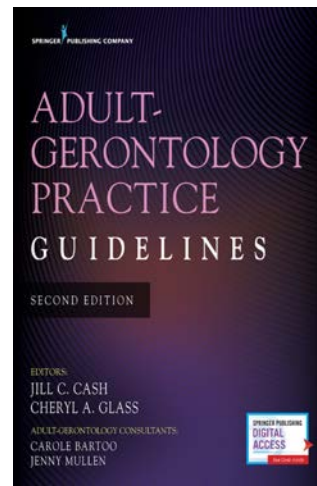
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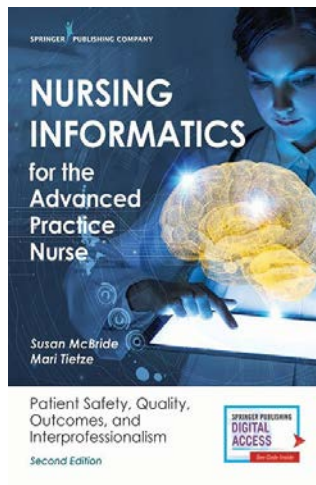
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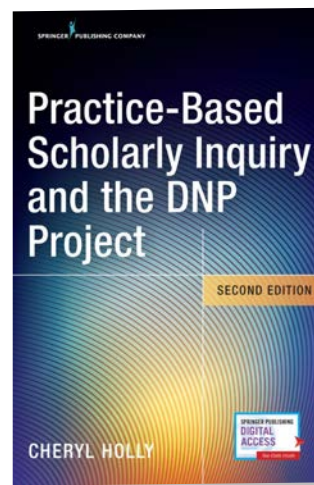
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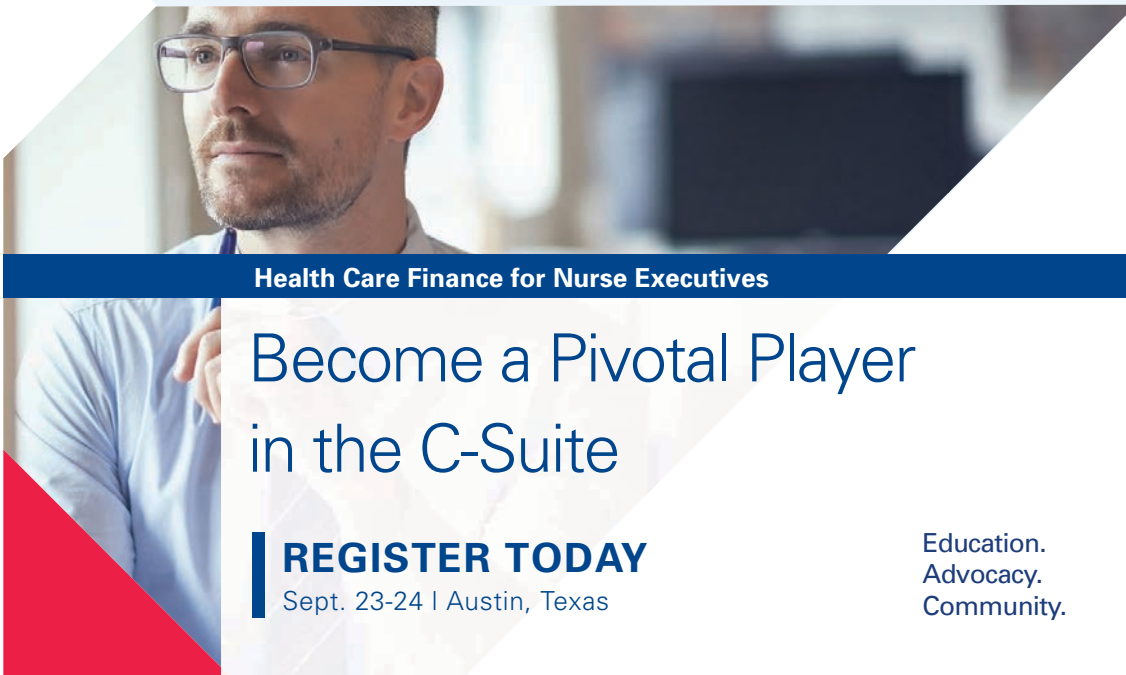
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