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DNP INC. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Here is an update on the 2021 DNP National Conference that is scheduled to take place August 11-13, 2021 in Chicago. The hotel venue has been extremely flexible and diligent to assure that rooms and all services will be safely provided including adequate social distancing. The AV team is in place to assure each room has a great presentation that will be audio recorded. Many of the sessions will be video recorded and posted to the web site for an after-the-event enduring conference opportunity. Specific sessions or the entire event will be available for purchase within 2-3 weeks after the close of the conference, so we can anticipate more visitors and registrant to the conference starting in September.

Unfortunately, we could not live-stream this event due to the cost of the bandwidth needed to assure a truly synchronous virtual event. We must move toward a recorded version and grow these services in that direction.

We have sent out several surveys and overwhelmingly the response has been that if people show up for a face-to-face conference, the presenters need to be in person (not streamed in or as a recording). This makes sense so all presenters must be present in real-time-and-place in order to be a part of this conference.

We will begin to email presenter invitations on Monday May 3, 2021 and will request a quick turn-around confirmation to attend and present. As we finish up the review process, we can see that many abstract submissions were received before the pandemic hit so some folks may not be comfortable presenting information that was developed about a year ago. We are hopeful that those with the highest scores from the abstract reviewers will accept the invitations and we can have a robust event as a result.

The **OLD** DNP Online Community is being dismantled and will shut down the end of May. The **NEW** Online community is growing slowly as it replaces a system that has been in existence for about 12 years. The necessity to bring all services under one roof (so to speak) is what is driving this migration and change. Your help in making this happen is appreciated.

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.

As we press forward together, we keep our sight on this mission and vision to direct us in assuring the best strategy for the future.

We welcome you to share your thoughts, insights, and recommendations.

Please visit the DNP Inc. website at www.DoctorsofNursingPractice.

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

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INCLUSION OF OTHER DISCIPLINES IN DNP PROJECTS

***A colleague contacted me about the inclusion of other disciplines in DNP projects and shared insights that others may find interesting. Starting a conversation is always a good way to grow our discipline. Please see the message below. Thank you, Dr. Patricia McAfee, for sharing your thoughts.
David Campbell-O'Dell, DNP***

Inclusion of Other Disciplines in DNP Projects

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing reports the DNP project must address a complex practice, process, or system that may be harmful to patients or populations. The DNP Project Team should ensure projects are focused on improvement of health or practice outcomes or health policy, reflect culmination of practice inquiry, engagement of partnerships, implement and translate evidence into practice, and evaluate health care, practice, or policy outcomes. Engagement of partnerships is an indication of collaboration for development and execution of an initiative. It is not meant to promote inclusion of disciplines other than nursing in a nursing practice project.

The nursing practice doctorate was formally approved in 2004 by AACN with the primary reason to develop nursing practice knowledge and to gain credibility for nurses practicing at an advanced level of their field. The Task Force on the Practice Doctorate in Nursing defines *practice* as any form of *nursing intervention* that influences healthcare outcomes. While the scientific underpinning of doctoral-level practice is not confined to nursing science and theory and we promote interdisciplinary approaches to patient care, the profession of nursing, as a recognized discipline, is organized around nursing knowledge and the art of nursing practice. Nursing science is a unique body of knowledge with theories and evidence tested and translated by nurses.

The Institute of Medicine reports nurses are expected to practice as partners in interprofessional teams to improve quality, cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes for healthcare. In healthcare, interprofessional collaboration is the process, whereby, different professional groups work together using their expertise to positively impact processes and delivery of services and care. Nursing partnership in interprofessional teams is demonstrated through collaboration with all health care disciplines. However, that partnership is not meant to promote inclusion of disciplines other than nursing in a nursing practice project.

When disciplines other than nursing are included in DNP projects, there is the potential to create erosion of the uniqueness of nursing practice knowledge and skills. DNP projects should focus on that uniqueness of nursing science and sustain the high standards associated with nursing's contribution to health care outcomes. Results from DNP projects should provide evidence for other disciplines and practice partners that can be used within their own specialties; however, the DNP project itself should focus on nursing practice, alone, and be a demonstration of solidarity in protecting the credibility of the most advanced nursing degree that those before us fought to establish. If we allow the continued inclusion of other disciplines in doctorate nursing practice projects, why not just change to a Doctorate in Health Care Professions?

Patricia McAfee, DNP, Georgia.

Do you have thoughts and wish to reply? Please go to [THIS PAGE](#) in the DNP Online Community

MONTHLY DNP INC. SURVEY

The **April 2021 Survey** explored thoughts on attending conferences and continuing education. What are your thoughts on these findings?

Question 1: Regarding continuing education, I prefer to earn my credits in an online format.

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

Question 2: One of the reasons I go to conferences (face-to-face or virtual) is to earn continuing education credits.

77% very much to absolutely, **23%** somewhat to not at all

Question 3: When taking a CE course online I look for the cheapest price.

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

Question 4: When taking a CE course online I look for a course that will support my professional growth.

100% very much to absolutely, **0%** somewhat to not at all

Question 5: The maximum price I am comfortable paying for a 1-hour course is no more than \$25.

41% very much to absolutely, **59%** somewhat to not at all

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DNP INC. FEATURED REPOSITORY PROJECTS

Dissemination Team Information

Is your DNP Program a part of the Dissemination Team? This is a collective effort to support the dissemination of completed DNP student projects. See [THIS PAGE](#) for details. A modest annual investment provides a \$5 discount for all students in your program that upload their completed projects to the DNP Repository.

Programs that have signed on for the Dissemination Team effort includes:

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Regardless directing your students to upload completed Scholarly Practice Projects with your support to disseminate. Projects in this repository are shared by Social Media and are searchable by web browsers such as Google. Does your school's proprietary repository have that capability? Consider supporting a broader method to disseminate the talents of your program's graduates.

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](#):

[Personal Safety Survey: A Self-Assessment Tool for Registered Nurses in an Ambulatory Care Setting Using a Human Factors Approach](#), by Jeanette J. Tanafranca, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy

[Text Messaging to Motivate Individuals with Intermittent Claudication to Ambulate](#), by Fify F. Thomas, DNP, FNP, a graduate of Bradley University

[Integrating Evidence-Based Triage Protocols in an Emergency Department](#), by Aileen L. Thompson, DNP, APRN, ANCP-BC, a graduate of Touro University Nevada

[Will Bi-Monthly Telephone Contact Help Motivation and Compliance to Improve Exercise Regimen in Obese Type 2 Diabetes?](#) by James Terry Todd, DNP, a graduate of Samford University

[Strategies to Improve Cultural Awareness and Self-Efficacy in a Primary Care Practice](#), by Karen L. Urban, DNP, FNP-BC, RN, a graduate of Colorado Mesa University

The Doctoral Project Repository is an archive of curated documents. This archive is 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

The new and improved DNP Online Community is gaining traction. The OLD online community (with NING in the URL) will expire at the end of June 2021. 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 home page.

Groups including:

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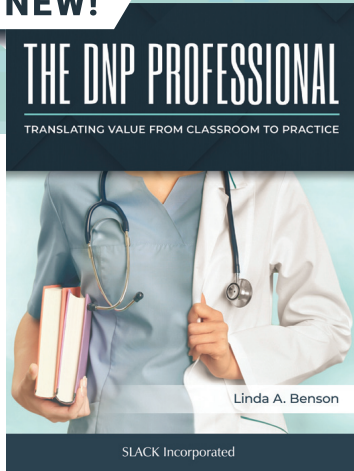
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“THE DNP CONVERSATION”

Welcome to our monthly contribution to the [Doctor of Nursing Practice Inc. OUTCOMES E-Newsletter](#)! This month, it was an honor to interview Dr. Sharon Stager, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC.

Dr. Stager, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC is the Program Director of the Graduate Nursing Program at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. She received a DNP from University of Colorado Springs, MSN from Duke University in North Carolina, and BSN from Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts. She maintains an active clinical practice at Wellcare, Inc. in primary care and women’s health. Dr. Stager provides lifestyle coaching and encourages prevention management utilizing motivational interviewing and nutraceutical management as an entrepreneur with her business, *In Search for Health* providing outreach to many.

Many thanks Dr. Stager for sharing your diverse roles, talents, and tremendous contributions you make as a DNP-prepared advanced practice leader. To all our followers, we hope you enjoy hearing Dr. Stager.

Thank you for listening to “***The DNP Conversation*** and let’ *keep the conversation going!*” We hope you enjoy!

Link here to the [YouTube Interview with Dr. Sharon Stager DNP, MS](#)
or copy/paste: <https://youtu.be/qHd7uKAbe20>

Our very best regards,

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To learn more about the foundation and how you may be a part of the process, visit [THIS LINK](#).

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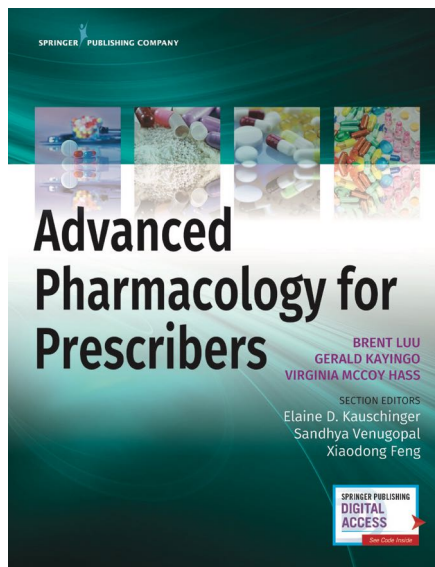
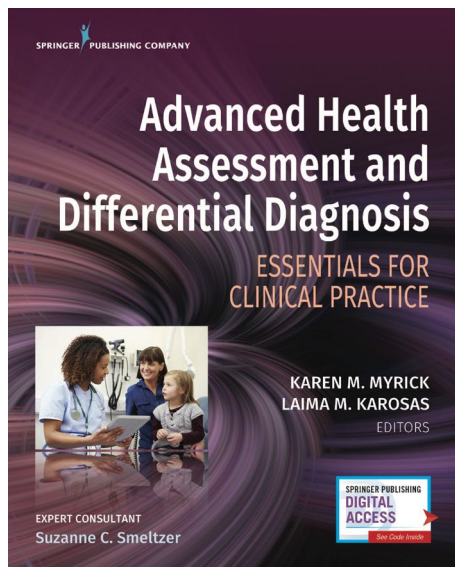
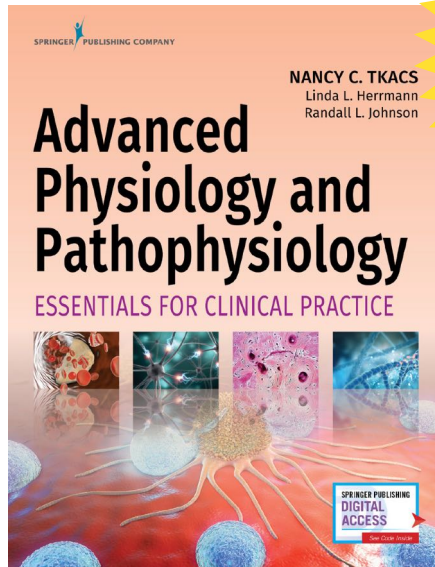
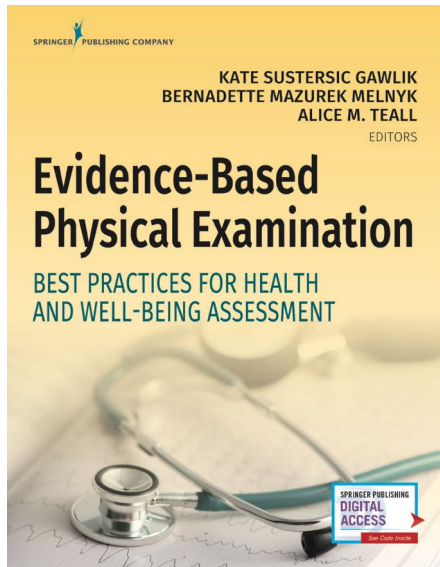
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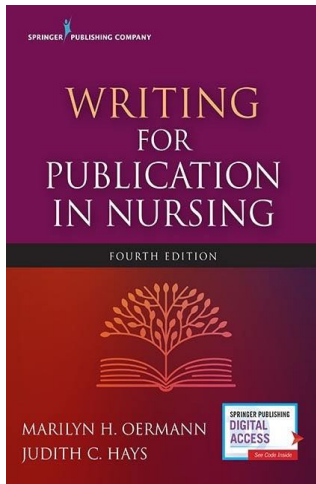
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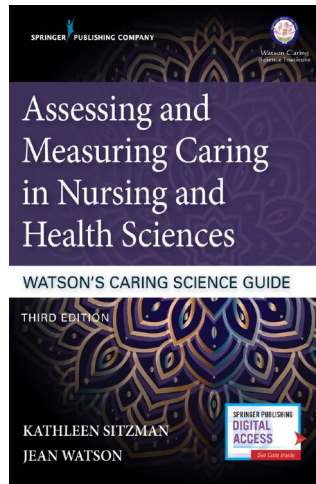
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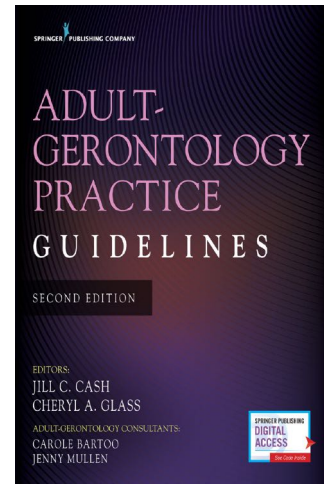
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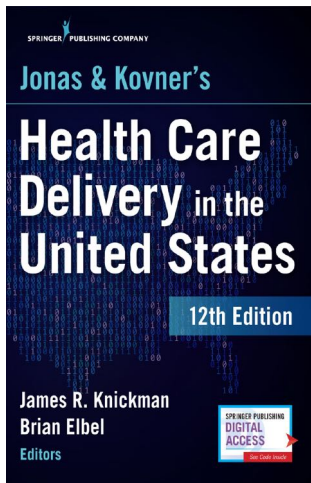
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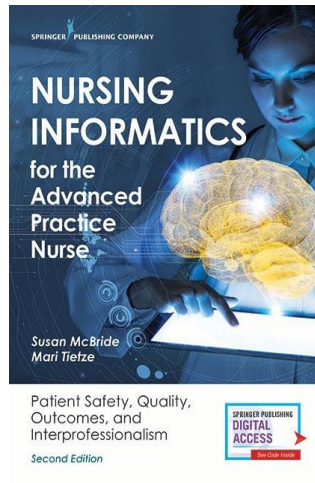
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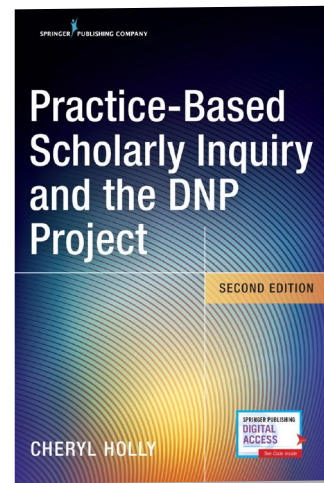
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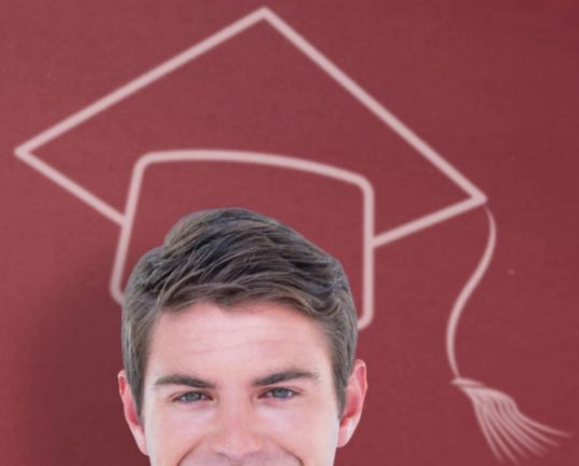
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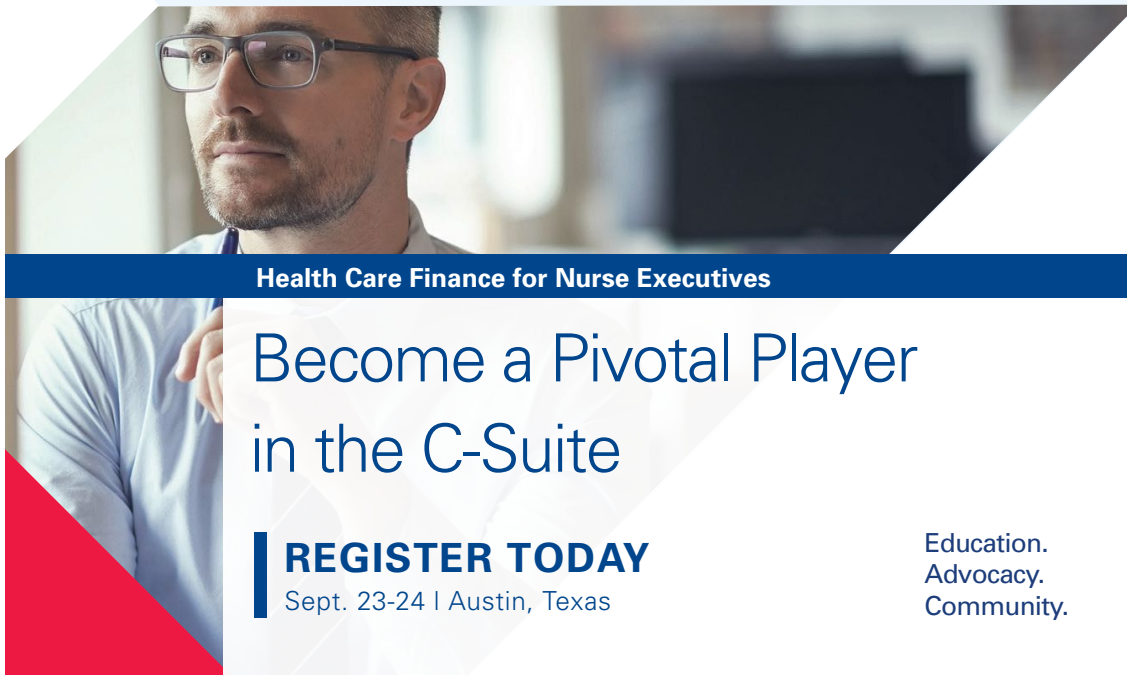
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In these tough times we must rely on the generosity of colleagues. We have exhausted all other avenues for funding and are currently financing operations from personal funds. All donations are tax deductible since DNP, Inc. is a 501c3 corporation.

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