

Implementing the DNP Scholarly Project: Foundation for Practice

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Background

- AACN (2015): all DNP projects should be implemented
- Confusion exists regarding project requirements at the macro and micro levels
- Project inconsistency continues among DNP Programs
- Confusion and inconsistency lead to devaluation of the DNP degree



Application & Implementation

- Applying clinical skills is not questioned for BSN or MSN
- Applying skills to change practice is equally essential for the DNP
- Practice change skills require a fully developed and implemented project.

Lessons Learned

- Faculty project advisors should be mentored to assure consistency and rigor
- Use an established method, such as IOWA Model or Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA)



- Design should include:
 - Validated tools, surveys, and other instruments
 - Statistician consultation
 - Plan for data analysis
 - Plan for sustainability
 - Plan for dissemination
- Dissemination of results should not occur until after project defense



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