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DNP, Inc./ADPN Organizational Updates

It's great to share an update in this March 2026 issue of OUTCOMES. We are proud to point out that both **Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.** and the **Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** continue to evolve. In hindsight we point out that some efforts in the past did not yield the return on investment of time and effort anticipated.

Picture this: A small business builds something from nothing. Many customers were involved and the growth and development seems unstoppable. Then, the pandemic impacted this momentum, and at the same time other organizations have entered the market and provided services similar, tangential, and complimentary to the original organization.

These changes in dynamics have altered definitions of success. The organization that originated in 2007 is entirely different 19 year later. Reinventing, augmenting, and evolving services is the name of the game.

Have you ever encountered an organization that you appreciated, and later learn that it was sold, and the new owners infused new inspiration making it something much better than before? We are approaching a cross road for this to take place and look forward to working with multiple organizations to evolve and enhance services in the near and distant future.

We are still pressing forward with the following:

- [OUTCOMES](#), the monthly electronic newsletter for and about doctorally prepared practice.
- [Scholarly project repository](#), a mechanism to share completed doctoral projects. This includes postings to multiple social media platforms over 2-3 years, and easy internet search-ability.
- [Mailing list](#) to receive OUTCOMES and other communications pertinent to doctorally prepared nursing practice.
- [Advertising, sponsorship, and endorsement opportunities](#) have expanded to include multiple options for every individual and entity to share information about your services and show your support for the bigger picture of doctorally prepared nurses.
- [Online Community](#) to view and participate in blogs, forums, groups, and events pertinent to our collective work as doctorally prepared nurses.
- [Scholarship opportunities](#) to share specific work including actions, publications, contributions to our discipline. This is the place to highlight your efforts and those of worthy colleagues.
- [PICOTalks](#) - housed on the Academy website, features colleagues sharing their insights in a 20-25 minute one-on-one discussion or presentation. Witness the depth and insights of revered nursing experts. In return we request donations to the foundation. It's a win-win for all involved.
- The [foundation](#) is the place to make a tax-deductible donation to support nursing and doctorally prepared nurses' contributions to others.
- [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#). This is the next step in doctoral expansion and efforts to solidify our contributions to the discipline.
- [Dissemination team](#) offering deans and directors the opportunity to support students and graduates to disseminate their expertise.
- [Listing of doctoral programs](#) includes all doctoral programs. As the Academy supports all doctorally prepared nurses, it's natural to expand this listing of programs beyond DNP programs alone.
- [Volunteerism](#) is also an option for folks to support colleagues and the mission of this organization.

We continue to press forward together, and are proud to point out that this is the first and continues to be the only doctorally driven organization that welcomes all nurses regardless of professional role, areas of practice, ethnicity, race, or work environment.

Join in and participate in this process! Together, we are stronger and have the potential to impact systems and processes far beyond our individual scope.

David Campbell-O'Dell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP,
President/CEO **DNP Inc.**, **ADPN**, and **JADPN**

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Demonstrate your support for nursing, and share information about yourself and your organization.

As [Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.](#) continues to expand, and the [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#) and its associated [Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#) grow to meet the need of improving healthcare outcomes, the opportunities to advertise your company or provide support also expand.

Multiple opportunities are available to advertise, sponsors and endorse. Check out the options listed below!

Website

Webinars

PICOTalks

Foundation

OUTCOMES

Education

Career Listings

Online Journal

These opportunities provide a venue to share information about your health care organization and/or academic center. Expose your service to a wide range of nurses including those interested in doctoral education and the outcomes produced by doctorally prepared nurses.

[Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.](#)
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[Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#)

Support these initiatives to support you.

DNP, Inc./ADPN Monthly Survey Results

Thank you to this that responded to the February 2026 survey exploring perceptions of how doctorally prepared nurses can impact healthcare outcomes. Do the responses below reflect your thoughts, experiences, and point of view?

Question 1: Published data and metrics show the health care system in the United States to be lacking in many parameters. I believe doctorally prepared nurses can make a favorable impact on health care outcomes.

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

Question 2: The complexity of the healthcare system and bureaucratic structures prevent doctorally prepared nurses from creating sustainable processes that improve health outcomes.

56% very much to absolutely, 44% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: Doctorally prepared nurses have the figurative finger on the pulse of what is taking place in the United States health care system.

67% very much to absolutely, 33% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: Even though health care outcomes are not as good as they could be in the United States, there is hope that those in the nursing profession can make a difference.

89% very much to absolutely, 11% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: I am becoming fatigued, heading toward exhaustion, when considering the mountain of work ahead for doctorally prepared nurses. In essence, I'm pessimistic about the changes to make change.

11% very much to absolutely, 89% somewhat to not at all

[Click HERE to participate in THIS month's survey.](#)

Important Articles and Links

We proudly list multiple articles written by both DNP, PhD, and EdD prepared colleagues. They are displayed on the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses website.

Check out this [IMPORTANT LINKS FOR DOCTORALLY PREPARED NURSES](#)

These articles were shared by the authors, or are public domain. If you have an article or see an opportunity to share a link of valuable information, please make it happen. Share and enhance our professional growth and development.

Do you have articles of interest to share with your nursing and doctoral prepared colleagues? Submit them to: info@DNPInc.org

We are honored to receive and post articles from DNP colleagues - and DNP colleagues to be. Kindly share your thoughts, insights, curiosities, and challenges in a brief article to be posted in a future issue of OUTCOMES. Graduates, faculty, and students are welcomed to contribute.

Challenge student to submit articles. The content is likely to be of interest to all readers/colleagues.

Topics may include:

Informatics' Impact on Health Care Outcomes
DNP Prepared Nurses' Successes and Challenges in Policy Formation
Doctoral Prepared Nurses Demonstration of Collaborative Success
Expertise in aggregate/population health outcomes
Entrepreneurial expertise: How to start and maintain a practice
Collaboration to improve academic outcomes
Including all doctoral prepared nurses to enhance diversity

See [OUTCOMES](#) past issues. Click [HERE](#) to contribute!

Kindly share this invitation with colleagues!

Take advantage of this opportunity to reach more than 11,000 per monthly mailing and over 33,000 in the regular outreach to those that may have an interest in doctoral prepared nursing. Articles submitted can include practice information, opinions, editorials, and reflect work performed in your work environment (as a student, faculty, clinician, administrator, researcher, policy expert, and/or informatics specialist).

We look forward to hearing from you to help publish your work.

Scholarly Project Repository Examples

If your scholarly project is displayed in the DNP Repository, it can be found by anyone with a browser. Though other repositories are valuable, only academics can view them. The DNP Scholarly Project Repository is a link that you control. You - the author of your work - can share this link with anyone or any organization you wish, and include it in your portfolio and curriculum vitae. Here are examples of Scholarly Projects currently in the Archives. Click the title to view the completed project.

[Mental Health Awareness Education For College Faculty And Staff](#) by Marcella A. Miner, DNP, RN from Bradley University.

- Display your completed project. Now is the time!
- All posted projects are included in FaceBook, LinkedIn, X, and Instagram posts at least three times over three years. That's great exposure for free!
- Show your work to a larger audience of professionals and consumers/customers.

Click **[HERE](#)** to learn more about the benefits of listing your work in the DNP Scholarly Project Repository.

[THIS LINK](#) will take you to the data entry page.

Conference Archives

[The First National DNP Conference took place in 2008 in Memphis](#)

[2009 Conference was in Miami](#)

[San Diego hosted the 2010 Conference](#)

[2011 Conference was celebrated in New Orleans](#)

[St. Louis hosted the 2012 Conference event](#)

[2013 Conference took place in Phoenix](#)

[Nashville was the gracious host for the 2014 Conference](#)

[2015 Conference took place in Seattle](#)

[Baltimore was the great location for the 2016 Conference](#)

[2017 Conference was again celebrated in New Orleans](#)

[Palm Springs provided a warm welcome for the 2018 Conference](#)

[2019 we jumped to Washington DC](#)

2020 was the Covid Pandemic Shutdown - No Conference

[Chicago hosted the 2021 Conference](#)

[2022 Conference was in Tampa](#)

[We had a virtual conference in 2023](#)

[2024 Conference and ADPN inaugural summit to place in Key West](#)

[Key West again hosted a conference in 2025](#)

If interested in future face-face conferences, **[CLICK HERE](#)**

PICOTalks - something new to help us all

PICOTTalks

Professionalism, Innovation, Collaboration {or Creativity} and Outcomes

PICOTalks are similar to TED Talks (though we cannot use that name).

The benefit of PICOTalks is to help generate funds for the Foundation to successfully help colleagues.

The invited speaker offers their expertise without charge, and the viewer is asked to donate to the [Foundation](#) to support nursing excellence.

We are happy to post links in the biographical information included below your image. See the [View PICOTalks Here](#) page archived in the [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#) web site. On that page, view the presentation



Lisa A. Campbell, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, FAAN
Building Bridges, Not Walls: A Nurse's Guide to
Advancing Health Equity in Challenging Times



Daniel J. Pesut, PhD, RN, FAAN
Creativity and Innovation in Nursing:
Thoughts and Action

Three more presenters are scheduled to be recorded.
Are YOU interested in being a PICOTalk Presenter?

The DNP Foundation assists colleagues in realizing their plans to impact health care delivery. All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Demonstrate your support by donating today.

There are many opportunities to donate at the individual and corporate levels.

Our profession and your colleagues thank you!

Doctoral Nursing Foundation: From the Classroom to the Boardroom



The **Doctors of Nursing Practice Foundation** assists nursing colleagues in realizing plans to impact health care delivery and improve outcomes. Many doctoral projects are lacking the support needed to assure sustainability. The goal of this Foundation is to support innovation and sustainability of projects and collaborative initiatives, including other colleagues.

Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc., is a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving outcomes by enhancing and improving the practice of the doctorally prepared nurse. All donations are 100% tax-deductible according to IRS Code section 170.

In collaboration with the **Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** and the **Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses**, the synergy of all nursing professionals is maximized to realize common goals and improve patient healthcare services.

Please be a part of this process by making a tax-deductible donation that will support the efforts of the doctorally prepared scholar. The intent is to impact health outcomes through projects and initiatives that reflect the education and expertise of the doctorally prepared professional nurse in all categories of practice, regardless of work environment, ethnicity, race, or geographic location.

Show your support by clicking the Donation tab below. There are many opportunities to donate at the individual and corporate levels. Your tax-deductible donations make a difference in supporting colleagues generate improved outcomes and generate innovation.

Be a part of something valuable to us ALL!

[Donate Today!](#)

[View Donor List](#)

Doctoral Project Dissemination Team

Now is the time to partner with **DNP Inc.** and **ADPN**. Show how your university supports innovation and dissemination of scholarly work. Help your students demonstrate skills and talents that impact outcomes!

Check out the Dissemination Team. Offer the extra nudge to publish and share successful projects for all to see. If your program is not listed below, join this team to enhance our profession and support colleagues. More information can be found [HERE](#).

- [Chaminde University](#)
- [Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science](#)
- [Wilmington University](#)
- [University of Maryland](#)
- [Sacred Heart University](#)
- [Lourdes University](#)
- [Oak Point University](#)
- [Post University/American Sentinel College of Nursing](#)
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Online Community

One goal for the 4th quarter of 2025 is to bolster and grow the online communities. Please log in and share your thoughts and insights in the forums and blogs. Add your expertise and challenge us all to be better in our doctorally prepared work to improve outcomes. Start [HERE](#) to sign up and learn more.

GROUPS

Here's a question to all: Are groups as a part of the online community of value to you? Please let us know by sending an [email HERE](#)

- [Is nursing a professional degree?](#)
- [DNP's Seeking Positions in Academia](#)
- [DNP's of all Races, Creeds, and Ethnicities](#)
- [Dual Certified DNPs](#)
- [DNP/APRN Veterans Health Care](#)
- [DNP's in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\)](#)

BLOGS

- [Pick Two: The Challenge of Speed, Cost, or Quality](#)
- [60 nursing programs opening, expanding, ending in 2025](#)
- [Choosing a DNP Program: Ideas to Consider](#)
- [The Impact of Whiteness on the Education of Nurses](#)
- [A symptom of a deeper structural disease?](#)
- [Conference Decision Humor](#)

EVENTS

- [National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2026 National Conference, San Diego, CA, March 9-12](#)
- [Royal College of Nursing Educational Forum Conference 2026, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, April 15-16](#)
- [Canadian Forensic Nursing Symposium 2026, Saskatoon, Canada, May 27-28](#)

Is your organization planning an event? Know of a conference of interest to others? Please share!

FORUMS

- [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses Initiatives](#)
- [DNP Education – Preparing for Practice](#)
- [DNP Student Concerns](#)
- [The AACN Essentials Conversation Continues](#)
- [The Controversy of the DOCTOR Title](#)
- [DNP Professional Growth](#)

The graphic features a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue top, smiling and looking towards the camera. She is positioned on the right side of the frame. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white triangular shape on the left. The AONNL logo, consisting of a stylized 'A' with red and blue arrows, is followed by the text 'AONNL | American Organization for Nursing Leadership™'. Below this, the text 'AONNL LEADERSHIP LAB' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, a larger white text block reads 'Send your managers for a fresh, transformative approach to leadership development'. A thin white horizontal line separates this from the bottom text, which says 'REGISTER TODAY' in large white letters, followed by 'Starts Feb. 19 | Virtual' in a smaller white font.

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The Leadership Lab is essential to developing Nurse Managers

Are you looking for a fresh approach to develop your potential as a leader? Join AONNL's virtual Leadership Lab led by Dr. Barbara Mackoff, author of *Nurse Manager Engagement*. The Laboratory is a blended learning program (virtual sessions and online work) held over a six-month period.

Grounded in peer-to-peer consultation and actionable leadership tools, this program maximizes opportunities for managers to advise each other and convey wisdom and best practices in dealing with shared leadership issues in the context of evidence-based management.

Virtual Programs from February 19 through July 16, 2026

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!](#)

The Caregivers' Corner

Last week, a long-time friend who felt like she could ask me anything about Dementia Care, reached out with an unusual problem. Her husband has suffered with Parkinson's Disease for about 10 years. She told me her husband has started experiencing frequent sexual outbursts. They start in the late afternoon and go on until early the next morning. In the past, she characterized his sexual behavior as associated with a tender approach.

This new behavior was demanding and relentless in nature. My first thought was about the presence of some level of Fronto-Temporal Dementia. However, there are reasons for someone with Parkinson's Disease to experience varied types of compulsive behavior such as gambling, drinking or in this case, compulsive sexual behavior. This is due to progression of the Parkinson's Disease to areas in the brain that control behavior. This makes it difficult, if not impossible, for someone to control certain behaviors. After so many years this is a possibility.

There is also another possibility here. Her husband has been on Sinemet for many years. Use of this medication over time can cause an overload of dopamine in the brain. More dopamine than the brain is used to can lead to a person developing compulsive illness disorders, including hypersexuality. Considering this person's history, his wife is given two possibilities for this type of behavior.



The first line in this post includes a message for healthcare providers. I believe if I were not a close friend, who she knew she could ask for advice on aspect of her husband's care, would she have mentioned it at all?

Literature suggests that healthcare providers, in general, bring their personal opinions regarding sexual behaviors to any encounter where sexual behaviors are discussed. Some providers are uncomfortable discussing questions regarding sexual behaviors. They will give opinions in the discussion that discourage conversation about sexual behaviors. They may provide a mental health consult. This is another area where Informal Caregivers need to be able to talk to the Recipient of Care's provider.

Providers responsible for taking care of patients with Parkinson's Disease, needs to prepare for the possibility of this issue. They should at least be able to discuss possible causes of hypersexuality in Parkinson's Disease.

Providers need to allow an Informal Caregiver with an opportunity to discuss sexual issues related to dementia as this will alleviate their anxiety. Having someone in your home experiencing this aspect of socially unacceptable behavior, can cause risk to the main home provider as well as secondary helpers. Some will be hired individuals, but others may be children or family members.

This posting suggests the possibility of the onset of unacceptable behavior. Perhaps the first need is for Formal Caregivers to learn to convey the message that the Informal Caregiver can truly discuss all issues. A discussion on solutions for compulsive behaviors in varied types of dementia is deferred to another post.

More information at:

Neuro Launch Editorial Team (2024). Parkinson's Disease and Sexually Inappropriate Behavior, Causes, Management, and Support. <https://NeuroLaunch.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09>

See more insights and reflections of wisdom from our colleague, Dr. Rosemary Henrich. She will continue in future issues of OUTCOMES. Her publications can be found on Amazon using [this link](#).

[View Dr. Henrich's CV Here.](#)

Improving Patient Handoff Communication through DNP Leadership

by Tiffany Johnson, MSN, RN, DNP Student Eastern Kentucky University

Good communication during patient handoffs is essential for patient safety, but it continues to be a challenge in all health care settings. According to The Joint Commission (TJC, 2023) nearly 80% of medical errors that result in serious harm are directly related to ineffective handoffs. In an assisted living situation wherein residents may receive care from multiple caregivers, the usual communication breakdowns can lead to medication errors, delays in treatment, and avoidable adverse events (Keita-Fakeye et al., 2021). Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) leaders, working in assisted living agencies should assess and improve interprofessional handoff processes utilizing evidence-based strategies. This area of focus aligns with the AACN (2021) The Essentials: Core Competencies in Professional Education, including domain V: Quality and Safety, and Domain VI: Interprofessional Partnerships. These essentials emphasize the competencies DNP graduates can demonstrate to generate systems-level change to assure continuity of care and patient-centered outcomes.

Evidence-Based Frameworks

When nurses move from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) role to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) role, it brings a change in focus from support of clinical care to contribution to systems-level leadership. Evidence-based frameworks for high-quality demonstrations of effective handoffs, such as SBAR – Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (Abbaszade et al., 2020) and I-PASS - Illness severity, Patient summary, Action list, Situation awareness, Synthesis by receiver (Blazin et al., 2020), have been shown to reduce these errors significantly when implemented consistently across teams. But, as with most evidence, at a minimum, adoption of both of these frameworks requires leadership support, ongoing education, and engagement to embed them into the culture of the organization.

As part of my DNP experience, I completed an organizational assessment at Sunrise Assisted Living. We found breakdowns in documentation, interdisciplinary involvement was limited, and the communication methods of nurses and ancillary staff seemed to vary. Utilizing a systems-thinking approach, and in collaboration with my preceptor, we established a standardized SBAR-based handoff tool that would be incorporated into the facility's electronic health record. Nursing staff have reported initial improvements in clarity, a reduction in report time, and increased trust between the day and night shift team. Similar improvements have been demonstrated in the literature, as shown when Abate and VanGraafeiland (2019) implemented SBAR in an assisted living facility and found significant improvements in communication, documentation, and staff collaboration. This small but impactful improvement demonstrates the DNP-prepared nurse's role in leading quality improvement through collaboration of clinical knowledge and an understanding of the organization. As part of improving safety, interprofessional collaboration is essential. Open communication across nursing, social work, and therapy teams, often facilitated through regular huddles, promotes shared accountability, a major competency under AACN Essential VI. Evidence from the literature supports that such approaches lead to measurable outcomes. For instance, nurse practitioner–led huddles in long-term care settings significantly reduced moral distress and enhanced teamwork and communication among interdisciplinary staff (McGilton et al., 2022). Similarly, structured interprofessional rounds and huddles have been shown to strengthen collaboration, increase staff satisfaction, and improve leadership engagement in longterm care environments (Terra, 2015). Facilitating communication across professional disciplines has been consistently associated with improved information transfer, teamwork, and staff satisfaction, demonstrating the value of interprofessional approaches in promoting safety and quality in care delivery.

Conclusion

DNP led initiatives reinforced how structured communication frameworks supported by leadership and evidence-based practice can positively impact patient safety outcomes. As healthcare continues to evolve, DNP-prepared leaders play a crucial role in implementing evidence-based communication systems. DNP students can also translate this evidence into an implemented DNP Project.

Improving Patient Handoff Communication (continued)

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What is the Role of Doctorally Prepared Nurses in Policy Formation?

This bit of information may seem common to those of us that have earned a doctorate degree in nursing (PhD and/or DNP) but warrants reiteration:

Core roles in policy formation include the following:

- **Evidence-Based Policy Development** to ensure that health policies are practical and effective,
- **Systems-Level leadership** to improve patient outcomes, operational efficiency, and safety,
- **Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy** to remove barriers to care,
- **Coalition Building** to rally stakeholders and build support for policy agenda, and,
- **Evaluation of Legislation** to identify political obstacles and assess the impact of regulations on health equity.

Does the above seem straight-forward and make good sense when identifying approaches to policy formation?

What are you doing to help move the needle (so to speak) on these core roles in policy formation.

Posting Your Doctoral Project in a Repository

In past issues of **OUTCOMES** we explored the options available to display scholarly work in various repositories. The repository integrated in the **Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.** website is about to complete a transformation. We are moving away from the database that is imbedded in WordPress, to an off-the-shelf form development and display tool. If you have heard of Gravity Forms and Gravity Kit, you know what we are doing with this database of scholarly projects.

While modifying this database, we are now able to address various environments where the project took place, including academic environments. We are also soliciting and welcoming projects (and dissertations) from our PhD, EdD, DNSc, DBA, and other doctoral degrees completed by nursing colleagues. The new database format accepts data in this listing and displays them in various ways that was not available in the past.

Now is the time to post your scholarly project, regardless of how long ago you completed it. But which type of repository is right for you? Are you interested in publishing your work, or have you already submitted a manuscript based on your final doctoral project ?

Consider these peculiarities of repositories:

1. If you publish in your school's repository, only you, faculty, and possibly future students will see it. Does it contribute to the science of nursing and influence sustainable healthcare outcomes? Probably not. So go ahead and place your work in your school's archives, but your efforts should not stop there.
2. Let's say you post your work in a professional organization like Sigma Theta Tau International. Is this valuable? Absolutely it is, but it is not accessible by those that do not know how to maneuver that system. STTI is a great organization, but does your work collect the attention and potential to mold the future of healthcare by this repository alone? Again, probably not, but it is worth uploading to store your work in a worthwhile organization.
3. Should you place your work in a scholarly search engine such as Ovid? Again, it's a good idea, but who will see it other than those that have access to an academic library's search engine to see the databases of work such as what is provided by this database? Will the end consumer see this posting? I believe you can see where we are going with this. It's a good option but does not meet the expectation of dissemination and influencing healthcare outcomes which is the foundation of a doctoral study.
4. Here's another option: [The Doctoral Project Repository](#) will make your work available for colleagues, faculty, students that follow you, scholars, and those that can make the most of your expertise and wisdom to improve healthcare outcomes and make a difference in someone's life. This repository is a curated collection of documents that can be found by anyone with an internet connection. The holding has a unique URL that you can share with colleagues, organization, and interested groups that would benefit from your efforts.

Click [HERE](#) to begin your scholarly project submission

Click [HERE](#) to View Available Repository Projects



The **Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** is an idea that began several years ago, and is still in development anticipating strategic implementation. Initiatives have been articulated yet are pending further exploration to build strategies to approach these topics. These initiatives include:

- **Degree definition and differentiation** as a foundation for recognizing and maximizing collaboration,
- **Research** of discovery to generate new knowledge and translational research (research of practice) to explore how our collective efforts can be more productive and sustainable,
- **Faculty differentiation** and concerns around practice, highlighting the Boyer model, and tapping into concerns of tenure,
- **Doctoral Projects and Dissertation:** exploring standards, application to practice, and dissemination for stakeholders and consumers,
- **Policy** formation and influence by those invested as doctorally prepared nurses to influence outcomes, and,
- **Population and public health** outcomes that reflect the concerted efforts of all professional nurses.

The categories of activities include:

Practice
Administration and Leadership
Informatics
Education and Academia
Research of discovery and practice
Diversity

Please visit the [Academy website](#) to learn more and share your ideas on how we can move these ideas forward.

We welcome the opportunity to work with colleagues to help device, develop, and ensure solid psychometrics in a series of surveys to collect thoughts and prioritize future actions. This statement is meant to signal to our PhD prepared colleagues to help in this process.

Dissemination will occur through the **Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** and **OUTCOMES**, the monthly e-newsletter for and about improving healthcare outcomes.

Please refer to the [Academy Initiatives](#) page for more information. Scroll to the bottom to click on the forum to share your thoughts, insights, and ideas.



Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses

— DISSEMINATION | PROFESSIONAL GROWTH | IMPROVED OUTCOMES —

I anticipate that we have all worked on projects and realized progress, and then find new and unexpected opportunities that cause us to modify strategies. This has happened several times when developing plans for the creation of the **Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** as a vehicle to disseminate the findings of the **Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses**.

Four publishing companies have been approached to assist in the formation and publication of this peer-reviewed online journal. One turned us down, and the other three did not respond even after several attempted communications. This leaves us with the challenge of how to generate this journal.

Several options are at our disposal. One category is to purchase an application for a journal that is open source. The cost for this option ranges from \$2000 to \$6000 up front cost while some require an ongoing subscription and associated costs. Two of these options look viable and worthy of serious consideration.

Another option is the home-grown development using applications readily available such as WordPress and/or Gravity Forms to build the processes required of a professional journal. We are pursuing this route and are looking to have this process in place within the next several months. For those that have kept up with this process and listing of these plans in previous publications of OUTCOMES, you will appreciate the back-and-forth efforts to date. There is frustration in building these processes, yet the infrastructure needs to be addressed before incorporating the talents and recommendation of colleagues interested in growing this journal. Still another option that has surfaced recently is the possibility of merging the journal with another organization meeting the needs of another organization with a similar mission and vision.

Healthcare delivery has changed tremendously even in the last 12 months. Political, social, and financial influences are altering how we devise plans and implement initiatives. When there is a successful outcomes in one corner of the world, it should be disseminated and appreciated by all that have an interest. One of the goals of the **Journal of the Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses** is to aggregate findings, and publish a state-of-the-nursing science manuscript to provide a definitive manuscript on best practices. For those in academia, how many times have you reviewed the work of graduate nursing students regarding hospital acquired infections? We have the potential to share a summary of these efforts to help future nurses build and grow systems that are built on experience along with the available evidence.

The **Academy** and the **Journal** celebrate the diverse talents of doctorally prepared nurses who work in concert to improve healthcare delivery locally, nationally, and internationally.

Please email info@DoctorsOfNursingPractice.org to share your thoughts and curiosity.

Enduring Virtual Professional Opportunities

[Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.](#) and the [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#) is growing.

This evolution include many elements. Some are easy, others are challenging to create and include participants. Please consider the following:

1. **Offerings** highlights the talents and knowledge of doctorally prepared colleagues. Future plans outside of CE include options that may be ideal for you, an ardent site visitor. These options include written material that benefits potential DNP students, current students, graduates, and veteran doctorally prepared colleagues. We invite you to share your thoughts on developing these options. [SEE MORE.](#)
2. **PICOTalks**: Professionalism, Innovation, Collaboration, and Outcomes presentations. We are undoubtedly familiar with TED Talks (Technology, Entertainment, Design). Now we have a mechanism to creatively address ideas specific to healthcare, nursing, and our efforts to improve outcomes. Two presenters are already scheduled. Donations to the Foundation will be requested. Are you interested? See the first PICOTalks now! [CLICK HERE!](#)
3. **Foundation and Donations**: We continue to request grants and donations from philanthropic groups, yet also request donations from individuals and corporations. Check out the opportunities to be a part of the growth of the [Foundation!](#) This is an ongoing effort. Your involvement is appreciated in ways we cannot even imagine today.
4. **Membership opportunities**: This strategy is nearing completion of the first draft to be implemented starting September 2025. The notion of membership is not popular, yet a membership, free access to continuing education, discounts for the Repository, and other services, including the **Academy** and the **Journal**, will hopefully elicit a favorable response. More will follow, yet please know the membership charges will be nominal.
5. **Repository of Scholarly Practice Project**: The number of talented DNP graduates sharing their work in the Repository is growing. We are slated to develop an updated and easy-to-use system. The nominal charge for posting these curated documents is valuable to colleagues and consumers. We are the only Repository that anyone with the internet can access. Ask yourself - Who can see your completed project? Is it limited to faculty or those in a membership driven organization? Who benefits from your project being hidden?
6. **Dissemination Team** efforts continue. We have over 480 DNP programs currently in place. If even 25% committed to supporting their students to disseminate their completed projects, the number of available projects would increase tremendously. Does your university belong to the dissemination team? [Learn more HERE.](#) The directory of doctoral projects is also slated to grow and expand to include all doctoral project opportunities (PhD, EdD, DNS, DNP, and other programs for nursing doctorates).
7. **Volunteering** is an effort to solicit and secure dedicated volunteers for any and all aspects of the processes in place to enhance and support doctorally prepared nurses. Your help is needed and your expertise can be put to good use. [Check it out HERE.](#)

These efforts will help [Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.](#) and the [Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses](#) grow and thrive. Be a part of this effort!

Links and Resources

The mission of *Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.* and the *Academy of Doctorally Prepared Nurses* is to improve healthcare outcomes by promoting and enhancing doctoral prepared nursing professionals. Services are available to support students, graduates, faculty, employers, and stakeholders with an interest in the doctoral degrees in nursing. Click the links below to explore options and opportunities.



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