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Abstract Category: DNP in Policy Leadership

Title: Experiential Practice Immersion to Promote the DNP role in Health Care Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this presentation is to discuss experiential experiences during the DNP education. Health care policy experiences will equip the DNP to further use their role to promote leadership and change in health care policy

Objective 1: Discuss the importance of experiential experiences in health care policy for the DNP.

Objective 2: Describe practice immersion experiences that foster DNP knowledge and active participation in health care policy

Objective 3: Discuss the outcomes of health care policy and DNP leadership.

Abstract:

Now more than ever, the stage is set for advanced nursing practice to be a leader in the health care system. With the health care reform act, advanced nurses have the opportunity to play an integral role as a primary provider. As a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), it is critical that health care policy recognize and acknowledge the value of advanced nursing practice. Strategies that promote and provide the experiential education for DNPs are imperative in the practice immersion opportunities. This presentation will review initiatives and practice immersion activities that DNPs were offered to enlighten and engage the legislative process leading towards an active role in health care policy. As the role of DNPs become more in number, their effectiveness will be powerful as health care policy leaders.