



Implementation of the DNP Task Force Report March 2015

The Implementation of the DNP Task Force was appointed and began its work in January 2014. Since that time, the task force has met via teleconference calls numerous times, including calls with leadership from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to discuss the practice doctorate requirements for the Pharm D and the PhD in Pharmacy. The task force also conducted a conference call with a representative from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) to address the practice doctorate requirements for a final scholarly project in physical therapy. The task force held face-to-face meetings in Washington, DC in July, 2014 and in San Diego in January, 2015 to address the charge from the Board.

Task force chair Sarah Thompson from the University of Colorado provided a response to the recommendations from the RAND report during her reports to identify areas where the DNP task force is already addressing those recommendations. In addition, the Implementation of the DNP Task Force held two DNP Open Forum sessions to receive feedback from the members on potential task force recommendations in conjunction with the 2014 Fall Semiannual meeting and in conjunction with the AACN Doctoral Education Conference. The task force anticipates submitting a final report to the Board for review and approval in July 2015. Currently, the task force is developing and refining a set of recommendations that address each aspect of the charge.

To view the charge of the task force and roster of task force members, see <https://www.aacn.nche.edu/about-aacn/committees-task-force/dnp-task-force>