

Continuing the Conversation...

Comparing DNP Project National Trends to the AACN 2015 White Paper: Developing a Plan to Get from What Is to What Should Be

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Special Session Objectives

- Continue the national conversation and exploration of timely trends related to DNP Projects
- Discuss the next steps needed to further align DNP projects with the AACN 2015 White Paper recommendations

Special Session

- Expect a lively discussion
- Explore a variety of ideas
- Search for best practices/ DNP project “norms”
- Identify what topics needs further exploration

Brief history of the conversations to date:

October 2017

Question about DNP Projects Posted on AACN Discussion Board

January 2018

Open discussion session held at AACN Doctoral Education Conference (Naples, FLA)

January 2019

Presented national survey results at AACN Doctoral Education Conference (San Diego, CA)

August 2019

Facilitated an open conversation at DNP, INC National Conference about DNP project components/ national study findings (Washington, DC)

January 2020

Continued the conversation before AACN Doctoral Education

Conference (Naples, FLA) AND presentation focused on informal interviews regarding group/team projects

Reminder of 2015 White Paper Recommendations specific to DNP Projects

Title: DNP Project



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Scholarly Product: Includes planning, implementation and evaluation.



Some debate continues....

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Integrative and Systematic Reviews

Not considered as a DNP Project



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Portfolio

Not considered a DNP Project



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Group/Team Projects

Least explored/ published
component



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Dissemination of the DNP Project



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DNP Project Team

Replace the term committee with
team



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Evaluation of the final DNP Project

Responsibility of faculty



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Digital Repository for DNP final projects



Key Messages/Issues

- Group/Team DNP Projects
- Types of Projects/Required Frameworks
- Faculty Workload
- Impact and Sustainability

What are considered best practices for DNP Projects?

What needs further exploration?

Take aways from our conversation...