BUILDING A BLUEPRINT FOR EVALUATION OF DNP PROJECT OUTCOMES

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BACKGROUND
• Current State
  • 217 DNP programs in 40 states
  • 11,575 DNP students
  • 1858 DNP graduates
• The Vanderbilt experience
  • Post-master’s program
  • 159 graduates from VUSN since 2008

THE GAP
• Debate about how DNP graduates impact health care outcomes
• Dearth of publication of outcomes of DNP graduates
  • Patient
  • Systems
  • Populations
  • Policies

DNP OUTCOME EXEMPLARS
• Comprehensive Literature Review of Emotional Freedom Techniques for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Associated Symptoms
  I. Scientific Underpinnings for Practice
• The Application of the Toyota Production System Lean 5S Methodology in the Operating Room Setting
  II. Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking
DNP OUTCOME EXEMPLARS
• Development of Guidelines for the Care of Indwelling Urinary Catheters in Patients Requiring Long-Term Use
  III. Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice
• Dehydration in Terminal Disease: An Evidenced Based Protocol for Establishing Goals of Care
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• Nandi Traditional Healers: Sentinels in an Underserved Healthcare Environment
  III. Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice

DNP OUTCOME EXEMPLARS
• CPOE Configuration to Reduce Medication Errors
  IV. Information Systems/Technology and Patient Care Technology for the Improvement and Transformation of Health Care
• Gap Analysis: Transition of Health Care from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs
  V. Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care
• Optimal Utilization: An Exploration of Resources through a Nurse Practitioner/Surgeon Collaborative Practice Model in Otolaryngology
  VI. Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes

RECOMMENDATIONS
• Alignment with DNP Essentials validates synthesis and integration of competencies
• Future steps should include evaluation of the impact of the projects on healthcare outcomes
  • The Challenge!

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