Credits: 2 (1 lec; 1 clinical lab)
Semester Offered: Spring
Prerequisites: NRSG 602, NRSG 604
Co-requisite: NRSG 603
Degree: DNP

DNP Essentials: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII
Graduate Program Objectives: 1, 5, 9

Course Description: The focus of this seminar course is to introduce the DNP student to the process of developing the DNP Scholarly Project. The DNP scholarly project exemplifies the discovery, application, and synthesis of advanced nursing knowledge to improve health outcomes for individuals, families, communities, or systems. This graduate nursing course of the DNP degree represents the use of analytical methods, translation of existing research to practice, and recognition of cross-disciplinary integration of new knowledge at both the micro and macro system levels. The DNP project allows the student to demonstrate the ability “to lead and manage collaborative efforts with physicians and other members of the health care team to redesign and improve practice environments and health systems” (Initiative for the Future of Nursing, 2010, p. 2).

Course Objectives:

1. Identify and plan the DNP Scholarly Project to be completed incrementally throughout the graduate program with the final written paper completed prior to graduation.

2. Initiate a DNP Scholarly Project proposal in collaboration with the student’s Project Chair.

3. Utilize the “DNP Scholarly Handbook” to implement a plan to apply principles of scholarly writing throughout project planning and proposal development process.

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