

Doctor of Nursing Project Proposal Rubric

Student name: _____

Proposed project title: _____

Faculty mentor: _____

Submission date: _____ Submission number: _____

This rubric will guide DNP students in developing a DNP project that positively contributes to nursing and/or healthcare. Students will need to identify and demonstrate a need for the proposed project plan through a formal needs assessment and preliminary literature review. The proposed project plan will involve a systems change based on current evidence and include an evaluation method for measuring outcomes.

1. Students will develop a written plan using the **DNP Project Proposal Rubric**. The written summary will include each of the required sections outlined in the **DNP Project Proposal Rubric**.
2. Students will submit their written proposal to the **DNP Project Review Committee** by the **Monday following USI's Fall Break (1st submission)**.
3. The **DNP Project Review Committee** will evaluate each proposal based on the **DNP Project Proposal Rubric** and provide students with feedback. Students will receive a MET or NOT MET.
4. Students who receive a MET for their proposal will go onto the next step of developing their plan proposal in collaboration with their assigned faculty mentors.
5. Project plans that receive a NOT MET will include feedback from the committee on which particular elements were not met with the proposal.
 - a. Students will then communicate with their assigned faculty mentors and devise a plan for either modifying the proposed plan or identifying another plan if necessary.
 - b. Students will then submit their revised plan to the **DNP Project Review Committee** no later than the **second Monday in November** for review.
6. Students not receiving approval of their proposed DNP project plan by **Nov 30th (2nd submission)** will receive an IP for NURS 866 and will be required to resubmit to the **DNP Project Review Committee** by the **first day of spring semester (3rd submission)**.
 - a. Following the third submission, if the student does not receive an approval from the **DNP Project Review Committee** the student will be unable to progress in the DNP Curriculum.

		Met	Not Met/ Comments
Introduction to Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify problem background • Provide supporting statistics (min 3 stats) <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
Needs Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the current practice (current policy/procedure) and identify SWOT for aligning to current EBP • Needs assessment includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Internal data</i> supports the problem is a priority for the organization and/or population. ○ <i>External data (if appropriate)</i> supports the problem is priority for the organization and/or population ○ The population is description ○ The key stakeholders are identified including rationale on why they were chosen <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		

Initial literature Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial literature review supports the problem and an evidence-based intervention is required to address the identified problem • Evidence is within 5 years or seminal articles <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
Problem statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem statement explains the background and significance of the proposed practice problem <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
Purpose Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose statement includes the targeted problem, population, intended outcomes, project setting and timeline (if applicable). <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
Brief summary of proposed plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written summary of the proposed project is logical, is based on current evidence and the needs assessment, and addresses the problem statement <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
Practice Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice partner's position is described and is appropriate for the proposed project plan • Explain how the practice partner will assist the DNP student in achieving the project goals and implementation of the practice change. <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		

<p>Essentials of a DNP Project (AACN, 2015)</p>	<p>The proposed DNP project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a system or population focus • Demonstrates implementation that positively influences nursing practice and/or healthcare (academic settings excluded) • Includes a plan for sustainability • Involves an evaluation process or measurable outcomes <p>Reviewer's comments to DNP student:</p>		
<p>Final DNP project approval:</p>			
<p>Reviewers Comments:</p>			