

DNP Candidate: Directions for Personal Goal Statement

According to the AACN, “doctoral education is distinguished by the completion of a specific project that demonstrates synthesis of the student’s work and lays the groundwork for future scholarship.” This scholarly project can take many forms, but “the theme that links these forms of scholarly experiences is the use of evidence to improve either practice or patient outcomes. The final DNP project produces a tangible and deliverable academic product that is derived from the practice immersion experience and is reviewed and evaluated by an academic committee” (AACN, 2006).

Applicants for the DNP must submit a short essay identifying the topic of interest for their DNP project. The essay should address population focus, practice site, the issue to be addressed and how the project will result in practice change.

The essay must be typed, in 12 point font, follow APA 7th edition style, have 1” margins, be double-spaced, and have a maximum length of 2 pages. References and title page are not included in the page limit. The essays will be evaluated for content, professional writing style, writing mechanics and, APA format.