Guidelines for DNP Scholarly Project **Final** Paper

The sections below make up the guidelines (outline) for your final DNP Scholarly Project Paper and is completed in your final NURS897 course. Prior and/or current courses noted in parentheses indicate where preparation to complete each section of your final DNP Scholarly Project Paper is derived.

The final scholarly paper should not exceed 5,000 words. Title page, abstract, references, and appendices do NOT count towards the word limit. Your final DNP Scholarly Project Paper requires you to change all previous writings to past tense (implementation has now occurred in the past).

The final DNP Project Scholarly Paper should be written using APA 7 Professional Paper Guidelines and using the sections noted below.

* **Title page**
  + Must match the required format provided on page 3
* **Abstract** (N783 or N807, N897)
  + Included by itself as page 2, a maximum of 250 words, includes keywords
  + See APA 7th ed. For formatting (APA, page 50)
  + Includes Problem Statement, Purpose, Methods, Inclusion Criteria, Analysis, and Implications for Practice (Details found in Moran, Burson, & Conrad - 3rd ed., page 281; 4th ed., page 265)
* **Introduction** (N819, N783/N807)
  + Beginning on page 3, with your project title at the top, centered, in bold. You should not have to re-write this section. You should be able to copy (revise if needed) what you wrote in N819 & N783/N807.
  + Include a brief description of the problem, presence of problem in the clinical setting, approach in resolving the problem, and high-level description of the intervention (about 3-5 sentences).
* **Background** (N737, N780, N819)
  + You should not have to re-write this section. You should be able to copy (revise if needed) what you wrote in N819 & N783/N807.
  + A detailed description of the problem, including its significance and why the project is appropriate for the site where it will be implemented. This part should end with the presentation of a clinical question that may be presented using a PICOT approach (written in N737, N819, N783/N807).
  + A condensed literature search strategy (3-5 sentences) summarizing your results. Include the databases you search, the keywords you used, your inclusion/exclusion criteria, and how many articles you ultimately chose for your evidence table. Then include (see Appendix A) at the end of this paragraph (written in N819, N783/N807).
  + Literature review and synthesis of the evidence supporting the intervention. This is accomplished by comparing key concepts from an evidence table to summarize what is currently known about the intervention (written in N819 & N783/N807).
  + The theoretical framework used to explain the problem and any reasons or assumptions that were used to develop the intervention (written in N780, N783/N807).
  + End the Background section with a concluding paragraph that clearly identifies the project type, purpose, objective, and outcome (written in N819 & N783/N807).
* **Methods** (N783/N807)
  + You should not have to re-write this section. You should be able to copy (revise if needed) what you wrote in N783/N807.
  + Description of the approach and intervention. The description should include the method or model (e.g., PDSA Model, suggestions are listed in Moran, Burson, & Conrad (3rd ed., page 158; 4th ed., page 202) that aligns with the project type and what specific implementation steps you will take to implement the project. These implementation steps should align with the model you have selected (Moran et al., 3rd ed., p. 244-248; 4th ed., p. 244-248).
  + Details about measures, measurement tools, data monitoring plan, data analysis plan and documentation of IRB process (e.g., IRB through the UofSC and/or IRB process through your project clinical site. Read about IRB in Moran et al., 3rd ed., p. 144, 241-243; 4th ed., p. 168, 281-284).
  + Remove information about your project timeline and budget now that your project has concluded.
* **Results** (N897)
  + New information not previously written
  + Describe results of your intervention
  + Include data analysis (descriptive statistics, t-test)
* **Discussion** (N897)
  + New information not previously written
  + Include a discussion of findings, strengths and limitations of project, any patient or system level impacts, and implication/recommendations for practice
* **Conclusion** (N897)
  + New information not previously written
  + Include project sustainability, recommendations for future scholarly work on this topic, application to practice
* **References** (N737, N780, N819, N783/N807)
  + An appropriate listing includes all references cited. Please see American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.).* Washington, DC: Author.
  + Here is the link to another helpful website for APA: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/apa_sample_paper.html>
* **Appendices**
  + Include your Evidence Table from NURS819 as Appendix A
  + Include other supporting materials (as appropriate). Follow APA formatting for in- text referencing of Appendices. See APA 2.14, 2.17.

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