Dual Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program

Clinical Expert Packet

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General Information

Introduction

This clinical expert packet is designed for the clinical expert of graduate students enrolled in the dual degree Post-Masters Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and Western Carolina University. The dual DNP degree program provides Master’s prepared nurses with opportunities for practice-based doctoral education. The DNP program is taught by the graduate nursing faculty as well as advanced practice nurses and leaders from both universities and the community.

The DNP program has been developed to meet recommendations of the American Association of Colleges and Nurses (AACN), the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF), the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) and American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

The dual Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree offered by the UNC Charlotte and Western Carolina University prepares graduates to analyze systems of care and provide transformational leadership that will improve patient safety, quality of care, and implement evidence-based (translational) culturally competent care practices. Graduates from this program will be able to interpret and apply research findings to practice settings, determine and measure system and population outcomes, manage information systems and use appropriate technology for health and risk communication. DNP graduates will have the skills and abilities to substantially contribute to system reform to achieve goals articulated by the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Quality Forum.

The Philosophy, Mission, Core Values and Goals of the School of Nursing at UNC Charlotte can be found in the School of Nursing Student Handbook.

The Philosophy Mission, Core Values and Goals of the School of Nursing at Western Carolina University can be found in the Graduate Nursing Student Handbook.

Figure 1: Essential Elements of Analysis, Leadership, and Practice in the DNP Program

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DNP Core Competencies
Students are expected to master the core competencies reflected in *The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice* (2006).

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**Organization Chart for Dual DNP Program**

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**Curriculum Plan**
The Doctor of Nursing Practice program requires 42 post-master’s graduate semester credit hours and completion of a total of 1000 clinical hours (including 500 hours in the same clinical practice specialty from the MSN program). Applicants who completed fewer than 500 hours in their MSN program will be expected to complete additional clinical hours in order to achieve the total of 1000 for the DNP program. All students will be required to complete the curriculum that includes a sequence of courses as listed in the plan of study.
UNCC/WCU Dual DNP Program Guidelines for Clinical Experts

Definition of Clinical Expert: A clinical expert is defined as a person employed at the site who can facilitate the student’s entry and progress toward meeting Clinical Scholarly Project milestones, and successful completion of the Clinical Scholarly Project. The clinical expert should be the most qualified person available and should hold a doctorate in their field of study.

Clinical Expert agreements are completed as a part of the Clinical Residency and Project Development Course. The DNP student is responsible for locating a clinical expert to aid in their project development and implementation. The clinical expert will sign the Appointment of Doctoral Project Committee Form, which serves as an agreement to be on the student’s Clinical Scholarly Project Committee.

Role of Clinical Expert

1. Discuss/approve project topic with the student and communicate with the Committee Chair on an ongoing basis through project completion.
2. Review Expert Guidelines and complete the Appointment of Doctoral Project Committee Form with the student.
3. Provide a CV to the student to be kept on file in the School of Nursing.
4. Facilitate access to site(s) and data that will be pertinent to project completion.
5. Provide resources and contacts for student to accomplish planned activities.
6. Provide direction for student consistent with project goals.
7. Provide feedback to committee chair regarding student completion of clinical learning objectives.
8. Sign the student’s Clinical Learning Contract at the beginning and end of each semester (Appendix B).
9. Sign the DNP Residency/Scholarly Project Hourly Log at the end of each semester (Appendix C).
10. Sign the Clinical Scholarly Project Topic Approval, Project Proposal Defense Form, and Final Defense Report Form upon successful completion by the student.

Role of the DNP Student:

1. Clearly identify clinical learning objectives, planned activities, and planned outcomes.
2. Distribute written Clinical Learning Contract (Appendix B) to the committee chair and clinical expert for approval at the beginning of each semester enrolled in a Clinical Residency and Project Development course.
3. Provide clinical expert needed forms for signature.
4. Maintain professionalism in all aspects of clinical experience.
5. Seek assistance as needed to complete planned activities and deliver planned outcomes.
6. Communicate on a regular basis with Committee Chair and clinical expert.
7. Seek regular feedback regarding project progress and completion of project objectives.
8. Provide expert with all promised outcomes pertaining to the site.
Procedure:

1. The student will contact the agency/expert and discuss his/her needs for this clinical experience.
2. The expert will be given a copy of this guideline to make an informed decision regarding agreement to the terms of the role.
3. The student, committee chair, and clinical expert will complete the Appointment of Doctoral Project Committee Form.
4. Students will be required to complete the curriculum that includes a sequence of courses as listed in the plan of study (Appendix A).
5. The student will provide the expert and the committee chair with their finalized Clinical Learning Contract at the beginning of each semester (Appendix B). The contract should address activities for achieving each of the Clinical Learning Contract objectives and successfully completing the Clinical Scholarly Project.
6. On completion of the agreed upon clinical hours, the expert is to sign the Clinical Learning Contract and the DNP Residency/Clinical Scholarly Project Hourly Log, which the student will provide (Appendix B & C).
7. The student is to submit the form to the Clinical Residency and Project Development course instructor.
8. The student will present their Clinical Scholarly Project 4 separate times throughout the course of study. This will occur at the end of each Clinical Residency course, per the plan of study (Appendix A). The clinical expert is welcome and encouraged to attend any of the presentation, and is required to sign off on the completion forms after these presentations. If the expert is unable to be at a presentation, they may review the final written product and the prepared power point presentation as a means to evaluate the student’s successful completion of the project milestone. If the clinical expert cannot attend the final defense in person, the student will provide them with the Approval of Remote Committee Form for their signature.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the DNP program, graduates will:

- Analyze and integrate evidence from nursing science with evidence from other relevant scientific disciplines to form a scientific foundation for advanced practice in nursing.
- Apply clinical scholarship, scientific evidence, and analytical methods to improve health care outcomes.
- Develop and evaluate systems to enhance safety and quality of health care.
- Advocate and participate in collaborative interdisciplinary efforts to improve health outcomes at the practice/organization, community, state and national levels.
- Engage in culturally competent and ethically sound advanced nursing practice.
- Demonstrate leadership in the improvement of patient outcomes and transformation of health care delivery.
- Directly manage complex health problems of clients or develop and implement organizational systems to facilitate access and navigation of the health care system.

Characteristics of the Graduate

The characteristics of the graduate reflect the Essentials for Doctoral Education in Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006, pg. 8-17). These essentials focus on eight areas of advanced nursing practice. The areas are as follows:
Essential #1: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, the biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences as the basis for the highest level of nursing practice.
2. Use science-based theories and concepts to:
   a. Determine the nature and significance of health and health care delivery phenomena;
   b. Describe the actions and advanced strategies to enhance, alleviate, and ameliorate health and health care delivery phenomena as appropriate; and evaluate outcomes.
3. Develop and evaluate new practice approaches based on nursing theories and theories from other disciplines.

Essential #2: Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Develop and evaluate care delivery approaches that meet current and future needs of patient populations based on scientific findings in nursing and other clinical sciences, as well as organizational, political, and economic sciences.
2. Ensure accountability for quality of health care and patient safety for populations with whom they work:
   a. Use advanced communication skills/processes to lead quality improvement and patient safety initiatives in health care systems.
   b. Employ principles of business, finance, economics, and health policy to develop and implement effective plans for practice-level and/or system-wide practice initiatives that will improve the quality of care delivery.
   c. Develop and/or monitor budgets for practice initiatives.
   d. Analyze the cost-effectiveness of practice initiatives accounting for risk and improvement of health care outcomes.
   e. Demonstrate sensitivity to diverse organizational cultures and populations, including patients and providers.
3. Develop and/or evaluate effective strategies for managing the ethical dilemmas inherent in patient care, the health care organization, and research.

Essential #3: Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Use analytic methods to critically appraise existing literature and other evidence to determine and implement the best evidence for practice.
2. Design and implement processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of care within a practice setting, health care organization, or community against national benchmarks to determine variances in practice outcomes and population trends.
3. Design, direct, and evaluate quality improvement methodologies to promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered care.
4. Apply relevant findings to develop practice guidelines and improve practice and the practice environment.
5. Use information technology and research methods appropriately to:
   a. Collect appropriate and accurate data to generate evidence for nursing practice
   b. Inform and guide the design of databases that generate meaningful evidence for nursing practice
   c. Analyze data from practice
   d. Design evidence-based interventions
   e. Predict and analyze outcomes
   f. Examine patterns of behavior and outcomes
   g. Identify gaps in evidence for practice
6. Function as a practice specialist/consultant in collaborative knowledge-generating research.
7. Disseminate findings from evidence-based practice and research to improve healthcare outcomes

Essential #4: Information Systems /Technology and Patient Care Technology for the Improvement and Transformation of Health Care

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Design, select, use, and evaluate programs that evaluate and monitor outcomes of care, care systems, and quality improvement including consumer use of health care information systems.
2. Analyze and communicate critical elements necessary to the selection, use and evaluation of health care information systems and patient care technology.
3. Demonstrate the conceptual ability and technical skills to develop and execute an evaluation plan involving data extraction from practice information systems and databases.
4. Provide leadership in the evaluation and resolution of ethical and legal issues within healthcare systems relating to the use of information, information technology, communication networks, and patient care technology.
5. Evaluate consumer health information sources for accuracy, timeliness, and appropriateness.

Essential #5: Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Critically analyze health policy proposals, health policies, and related issues from the perspective of consumers, nursing, other health professions, and other stakeholders in policy and public forums.
2. Demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of institutional, local, state, federal, and/or international health policy.
3. Influence policy makers through active participation on committees, boards, or task forces at the institutional, local, state, regional, national, and/or international levels to improve health care delivery and outcomes.

4. Educate others, including policy makers at all levels, regarding nursing, health policy, and patient care outcomes.

5. Advocate for the nursing profession within the policy and healthcare communities.

6. Develop, evaluate, and provide leadership for health care policy that shapes health care financing, regulation, and delivery.

7. Advocate for social justice, equity, and ethical policies within all healthcare arenas.

Essential #6: Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Employ effective communication and collaborative skills in the development and implementation of practice models, peer review, practice guidelines, health policy, standards of care, and/or other scholarly products.

2. Lead interprofessional teams in the analysis of complex practice and organizational issues.

3. Employ consultative and leadership skills with intraprofessional and interprofessional teams to create change in health care and complex healthcare delivery systems.

Essential #7: Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving the Nation’s Health

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Analyze epidemiological, biostatistical, environmental, and other appropriate scientific data related to individual, aggregate, and population health.

2. Synthesize concepts, including psychosocial dimensions and cultural diversity, related to clinical prevention and population health in developing, implementing, and evaluating interventions to address health promotion/disease prevention efforts, improve health status/access patterns, and/or address gaps in care of individuals, aggregates, or populations.

3. Evaluate care delivery models and/or strategies using concepts related to community, environmental and occupational health, and cultural and socioeconomic dimensions of health.

Essential #8: Advanced Nursing Practice

The DNP program prepares the graduate to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive and systematic assessment of health and illness parameters in complex situations, incorporating diverse and culturally sensitive approaches.

2. Design, implement, and evaluate therapeutic interventions based on nursing science and other sciences.

3. Develop and sustain therapeutic relationships and partnerships with patients (individual, family or group) and other professionals to facilitate optimal care and patient outcomes.

4. Demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in designing, delivering, and evaluating evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes.

5. Guide, mentor, and support other nurses to achieve excellence in nursing practice.
6. Educate and guide individuals and groups through complex health and situational transitions.
7. Use conceptual and analytical skills in evaluating the links among practice, organizational, population, fiscal, and policy issues.

**Description of Practice Hours**

The DNP program builds on typical master’s education programs that focus on preparation for beginning advanced specialty practice, leadership and scholarly scientific inquiry. The goals of practice experiences at the doctoral level include preparation of practitioners and administrators with advanced leadership skills who can facilitate translation of the evidence base into practice within a minimum amount of time and with a maximal positive impact on the health outcomes of the populations served.

Upon completion of the post-master’s DNP program, students will have a total of 1000 hours of clinical practicum. 500 of those hours will be carried over from the students’ MSN program. Students must submit a practicum hour attestation upon entry into the program, which serves as documentation of hours obtained prior to program entry. The Clinical Residency and Project Development courses have 540 clinical residency hours built into their content. Students who do not enter the program with 500 clinical hours (Nurse Administration/Nurse Leader MSN), will be required to complete additional precepted hours to ensure the 1000 clinical hour requirement is met, and documentation will be provided to the program director and the Administrative Associate Director of the School of Nursing.

Practice may take a variety of forms, from direct patient care to analyses of organizational or public health needs, topic research, data collection or interprofessional meetings. Each course that has designated practice hours will specify what practice behaviors/activities constitute a passing level in meeting the course objectives. In addition, a clinical expert is necessary to facilitate the student’s activities at the practice site. A clinical expert is defined as a person employed at the site who can facilitate the student’s entry and progress toward meeting their objectives. The clinical expert should be the most qualified person available and should hold a doctorate in their field of study.

Students must provide the course faculty member with a written plan signed by the student, the clinical expert, and the faculty course coordinator (Appendix B). This written plan should set forth the learning objectives (based on Clinical Residency and Project Development course objectives), specific learning activities, time commitment, and outcomes to be accomplished. The signed plan will constitute a learning contract between UNCC and or WCU faculty, the student, and the expert. This contracting process can take time to complete so planning ahead is strongly encouraged. The course faculty member, in consultation with the clinical expert, will determine whether the objectives have been met at a satisfactory level.

In addition to the Clinical Learning Contract, students will keep a clinical log (Appendix C). This form will allow the student to log all residency hours that are completed throughout each semester. Clinical experts are asked to review this log at the end of each semester.

Students will provide the clinical expert with the Clinical Learning Contract and the Clinical Log.
# Appendix A

**Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program—UNCC/WCU**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY: Dual DNP Post Masters Admission** (42 Semester Hours)

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**Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program—UNCC/WCU**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY: Dual DNP Post Masters Admission**  (42 Semester Hours)

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<td>• NSG 823/NUDN 8230 Economic &amp; Financial Aspects of Healthcare System (3)</td>
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Didactic Courses taken by all students at UNC Charlotte during Academic Year (12):
- Foundations and Applications of Evidence Based Practice (3)
- Healthcare Program Evaluation and Quality (3)
- Leadership, and Healthcare Systems (3)
- Communication for Technology and Transforming Healthcare (3)

Didactic Courses taken by all students at WCU during Academic Year (12):
- Leadership and Project Planning (3)
- Applied Biostatistics (3)
- Health Care Policy and Ethics (3)
- Economic & Financial Aspects of Healthcare System (3)

Didactic Courses taken by all students at UNC Charlotte during Summer (6):
- Community Epidemiology (3)
- Global Health & Social Justice (3)

Clinical Residency Courses taken by students at their admitting campus
Clinical Learning Contract: Appendix B

Learning Contract: Clinical Residency and Project Development

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Project Chair: ______________________________________________________

Course Faculty: ______________________________________________________

Title of Scholarly Clinical Project: ___________________________________

Site or Sites for Implementation of Clinical Hours: _______________________

Name of Clinical Expert and Their Credentials (if used): ___________________

Clinical Practicum: 540 Clinical Hours

Please describe how you plan to meet the 540 clinical hour requirement and discuss how these objectives help you accomplish the course and DNP program objectives:

- Analyze and integrate evidence from nursing science with evidence from other relevant scientific disciplines to form a scientific foundation for advanced practice in nursing.
- Apply clinical scholarship, scientific evidence, and analytical methods to improve health care outcomes.
- Develop and evaluate systems to enhance safety and quality of health care.
- Advocate and participate in collaborative interdisciplinary efforts to improve health outcomes at the practice/organization, community, state and national levels.
- Engage in culturally competent and ethically sound advanced nursing practice.
- Demonstrate leadership in the improvement of patient outcomes and transformation of health care delivery.
- Manage directly the complex problems of clients/populations and systems to facilitate access and navigation of the health care system to improve health outcomes.
Students participate in multiple academic and scholarly activities. For example, students are expected to attend conferences, seminars, journal club, grand rounds, morbidity and mortality meetings, patient conferences, practice-based lectures, interdisciplinary committees, quality improvement committees and any other opportunities available at their site. Each student is expected to post a minimum of at least three scholarly activities during residency. In addition, students are required to be involved and contribute to interdisciplinary initiatives. The scholarly activities should support the objectives in the Clinical Learning Contract.

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<td>1. Apply EBP and Theory to analyze the literature for the scholarly project, 2. Identify theoretical frameworks utilized in the body of research on the project topic.</td>
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<td>1. Identify a clinical site mentor, and DNP Project Committee Chair. 2. Develop a Clinical Contract.</td>
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<td>3. Develop a PICOT question</td>
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4. Attend Scholarly Conferences, Seminars, Journal Club, Grand Rounds, Morbidity/Mortality Meetings, Practice-Based Lectures, Interdisciplinary Committees, Quality Improvement Committee meetings, and other opportunities at the practice site.

*Minimum of 3

**CONTRACT REVIEWED AND APPROVED:** (typed or electronic signature is acceptable)

Student: ________________________ Date: ___________ Revised ______

Clinical Expert Signature: ________________________ Date: ___________

Faculty Course Coordinator: ________________________ Date: ___________

**FEEDBACK: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WERE MET**

Student: ________________________

Clinical Expert: ________________________ Date: ___________

Faculty Course Coordinator: ________________________ Date: ___________

Approval DNP Program Coordinator
____ Yes  _____ No

Verified Agency Affiliation Agreement
____ Yes  _____ No
Learning Contract: Clinical Residency and Project Development

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Project Chair: ______________________________________________________

Course Faculty: _____________________________________________________

Title of Scholarly Clinical Project: ____________________________________

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Site or Sites for Implementation of Clinical Hours: _______________________

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Name of Clinical Expert and Their Credentials (if used): __________________

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Clinical Practicum: 540 Clinical Hours

Please describe how you plan to meet the 540 clinical hour requirement and discuss how these objectives help you accomplish the course and DNP program objectives:

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<td>2. Perform an extensive review of the literature</td>
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3. Develop a plan for project implementation

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4. Select/develop tools for data collection and management

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5. Complete CITI Training and familiarize yourself with IRB at home institution

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6. Attend Scholarly Conferences, Seminars, Journal Club, Grand Rounds, Morbidity/Mortality Meetings, Practice-Based Lectures, Interdisciplinary Committees, Quality Improvement Committee meetings, and other opportunities at the practice site.

*Minimum of 3*
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Student: ___________________________ Date: ________________  Revised _____
Clinical Expert Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________
Faculty Course Coordinator: _________________________ Date: ________________

FEEDBACK: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WERE MET

Student: ________________________________________________
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Faculty Course Coordinator: ______________________________ Date: ______________

Approval DNP Program Coordinator
___Yes  ___No

Verified Agency Affiliation Agreement
___Yes  ___No
Learning Contract: Clinical Residency and Project Development

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Name:__________________________________________________________________

Project Chair:__________________________________________________________

Course Faculty: _________________________________________________________

Title of Scholarly Clinical Project: _______________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Site or Sites for Implementation of Clinical Hours: __________________________
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Name of Clinical Expert and Their Credentials (if used): ____________________

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B. Discuss and establish contingency plans. | | | |
| 2. Implement your project. ***Bulk of your hours*** | | | |
3. Perform a personal evaluation of your implementation. *(What worked? What didn't work?)*

4. A. Relate your work to the DNP Essentials.
   B. Evaluate how your work contributes to the DNP degree.

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Faculty Course Coordinator: ____________________________ Date: ________________

FEEDBACK: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WERE MET

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Approval DNP Program Coordinator

___ Yes  ___ No

Verified Agency Affiliation Agreement

___ Yes  ___ No
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## DNP Residency/Scholarly Project Log: Appendix C

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Course Name and Number: ___________________  Clinical Expert: ____________________________

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