

The University of Texas at El Paso  
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NURS 6893  
DNP Project Practicum

Spring 2022

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**Course:** NURS 6893\_ DNP Project Practicum\_

**Placement in Curriculum:** Doctor of Nursing Practice

**Credit:** 8 (0-0-8)

**Course Pre-requisites:**

Department approval and NURS 6292, NURS 6240, NURS 6470: project selected; IRB submission; Site approval;

**Course Description:** This is the culminating clinical practicum course designated to provide participants with the opportunity to synthesize and integrate the knowledge they have acquired in advanced practice settings. In consultation with faculty and community mentors, students will select an area of clinical decision-making in the provision of culturally appropriate, patient-center, evidence-based care. Students will develop case presentations from their experiences.

**Includes 360 clock hours of practicum experience.**

**Course Objectives:**

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop and sustain therapeutic relationships and partnerships with identified stakeholders to facilitate positive healthcare outcomes over the continuum of care.
2. Critically analyze implemented evidence-based project plan and project outcomes to identify future recommendations for improvement of healthcare.
3. Disseminate project findings to stakeholders, external audiences and internal audiences (i.e.-university, other public venues). Complete DNP Project.

**Class Location/Time:**

Date	Day and Time	Location
1/15	On Campus	HSS_211
2/12		
3/12		
4/09		
5/10	On Campus	

**Course Lead Faculty:**

**Faculty:** Hector R. Morales, DNP,APRN, PMH/CS-BC  
Associate Clinical Professor  
Director DNP Program

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**Hours:** Tuesdays 12- 3 pm & Wednesdays 12-3 pm; other times by appointment

**All times posted are Mountain Standard Time:** \* Syllabus content, assignments and due dates are subject to change. You will receive a notice when change is imminent.

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**Other Course Faculty:**

DNP Chair	DNP Co-Chair	Students
Hector R. Morales, DNP, APRN, PMH/CS-BC		13
Laura. Rodriguez, DNP, APRN, CNS		2
Diane Monsivais, PhD, RN;	Francesca Nunez, PhD, RN	2
Jacob Martinez, PhD, RN		1
Alejandra Valenzuela, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC		1
Elizabeth Portugal, DNP, APRN, NMW		1
Roberta Durk, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC		1

\*Contact information and time availability for faculty is included in each student's DNP Chair/Student Collaborative Agreement. (Students have faculty's cell phone numbers)

**Teaching Strategies:**

Lecture and one-on-one support from DNP Chairs/ Classroom meetings to organize the semester and the last class date to turn in all the materials. Internet searches, electronic library searches and email strategies will also be required to meet the learning objectives. Students will be fully prepared for each class and participate in individual meetings with their DNP Chairs to obtain project completion support. The syllabus is subject to changes/revisions. Notification to students if any modifications to the syllabus and/or deadlines occur. Any new changes submitted, revised and provided to each student.

**Student Responsibilities:**

Attendance at all assigned classes and practice sessions as needed prior to the Symposium. The student will read the entire syllabus and ask the faculty for clarification on any area not clear to the student. It is the expectation of the faculty that students are fully prepared for each class, and actively participate in all seminars. All course work is expected and due at the time designated. **If accepted**, late course work is subject to a minimum of a 10%/day penalty of the total assignment grade. **The student must communicate with Dr. Morales prior to absence or missing deadlines to receive any consideration.**

**Academic Honesty:**

Students are accountable for all work submitted or presented for evaluation. While collaboration with others in the process of completing an assignment is encouraged, submitting work you did not directly have a hand in developing is considered cheating. Use of information from publications or media productions without proper acknowledgement and citation is considered plagiarism. Penalties for plagiarism and/or cheating are imposed according to the regulation of the School of Nursing and UTEP. See the UTEP graduate catalog for specific details.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu), or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at [www.sa.utep.edu/cass](http://www.sa.utep.edu/cass). *CASS' Staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.*

**Technical Assistance:**

The University of Texas at El Paso offers complete technical information and helpdesk support at <http://issweb.utep.edu/techsupport/>.

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**Required Textbooks (\* from NURS 6190):**

Garrard, J. (2017). (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). *Health sciences literature review made easy: The matrix method.* \*ISBN: 978-1-284-11519-2

Harris, J. L., Roussel, L., Dearman, C., & Thomas, P.L. (2016). (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) *Project planning and management: A guide for CNLs, DNP's, and nurse executives.*\* ISBN: 978-1-284-08983-7

Kleinpell, R. M. (2017). *Outcome assessment in advanced practice nursing.* (4th ed.). New York: Springer Publishing Co. ISBN-13: 978-08-26138620 or ISBN-10: 0826138624

**Recommended Textbooks:**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of American Psychological Association.* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) ISBN: 1-4338-3216-1 (paperback) or ISBN: 978-1-4338-3217-8 (spiral)

**Technology Requirements**

Ensure your phone is set to receive UTEP e-mail directly to your phone. It is paramount that you are available to your DNP Chair and Course Faculty. Please download the free copy of MS OFFICE (2016). You will benefit from Adobe Acrobat X Pro. If you do not have the software, you can download free via [UTEP.ONTHEHUB.COM](http://UTEP.ONTHEHUB.COM).

**IMPORTANT:** If you encounter technical difficulties beyond your scope of troubleshooting, please contact the UTEP [Help Desk](#) as they specifically assist you with technological needs. Please do not contact me for this type of assistance. At the [Help Desk](#), they can also direct you for Blackboard Issues.

**COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT**

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please ***let Dr. Morales know as soon as possible***, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to [covidaction@utep.edu](mailto:covidaction@utep.edu), so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID-19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear facemasks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit [epstrong.org](http://epstrong.org).

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Activity	Poss. Pts.
2 Class Participations- January 15 & May 10 (includes <b>2/12; 3/12; 4/09</b> )	<b>100</b>
2 Monthly written Project Updates- Feb. 12 & Mar. 12	<b>200</b>
Complete DNP Project and DNP Project Practicum Log & Bound	<b>700</b>
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>1000</b>

**Grading Scale:** A = 900-1000                      B = 899- 800  
 C = 799- 700                                      D = 699- 600  
 F = Below 600

\*Credit given in the UTEP Graduate School for the grades of A, B, and C only

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**Assignments Guidelines**

**1. Class attendance x2 (50 points)= 100 points**

Each student will participate in class review syllabus, take notes regarding due dates, requirements and ask questions for clarifications.

Class Participation- Evaluation Criteria	Poss. Pts.
<i>Actively Participates in class- January-15 &amp; May 10 (50 points each class day)</i>	100
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**2. DNP PRACTICUM Project Update (100 points each) –**

Each student will submit the DUE update on the specified date. All the areas completed and well explained. The updates **submitted to Dr. Morales & DNP Chair by 9:00 am** on due date.

DNP Project Practicum Updates- - Evaluation Criteria (Feb 20 & March 13) 9 am	Poss. Pts
Date project started; officially end & Number of patient presently in your project	20
Explain present Challenges in completing project at your site	20
Explain future challenges that may negatively impact the completion of project	20
Provide a present evaluation of your projects progress and meeting deadlines	20
Attached a copy of the clinical log at this time	20
<b>Total Possible Points- each submission</b>	<b>100</b>

**3. Complete DNP Project Portfolio-**

Students will complete their DNP Portfolio. The bound DNP Project Portfolio goes to Dr. Morales by 9:00 am on May 6. There will be a practice time for the presentation of the DNP Project at the DNP Symposium prior to the DNP Symposium. The completed DNP Project Portfolio receives maximum points when is printed and bound, and submitted by deadline. **A 10% penalty from total grade /day late.**

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Complete DNP- Project Portfolio–Evaluation Criteria	Poss. Pts
Completed Materials by deadline to include:	
1. IRB “Not Research” QI letter -----	05
2. Facility Approval Letter-----	05
3. State and National Certification Scope of Practice-----	05
4. 10-day Reflective Practice Log– printable & readable----- <b>ABC</b> -----	25
a. Review of Patients- Color coded (at least 3 colors)	
b. all information is readable when printed	
c. Gained Insight	
d. 3-PICOT questions – Color coded	
5. Evidence Matrix- All articles included ----- <b>ABC</b> -----	100
6. DNP Project report- w/paid Invoice for Editor---- <b>ABC</b> -----	150
7. Poster for Presentation----- <b>ABC</b> -----	100
8. DNP Project PowerPoint Presentation-	
a. single, color slides ----- <b>ABC</b> -----	110
9. DNP Practicum log w/ Chair signature----- <b>ABC</b> -----	100
10. Any handouts, copies of forms etc.-----	0
11. DNP Portfolio printed and submitted on time -----	100
<b>*(10 points off/day for late submission)</b>	
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>700</b>

**Failure to meet deadlines may increase the risk of not being able to graduate on time.**

**\*\* If your agency, where the project was completed, does not allow public dissemination, written or oral, you will work with your DNP Chair to arrange dissemination activities allowed by agency.**

The following items require approval by you chair **(ABC)**

<i>Material to be completed</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Due to chair</i>
10-day Reflective Practice Log– printable & readable - all tabs completed Review of Patients w/3 colors minimum	<b>ABC</b>	Feb 12
Evidence Matrix- All articles included	<b>ABC</b>	April 22
DNP Project Report-	<b>ABC</b>	April 22
DNP Project PowerPoint Presentation a. single, color slides -	<b>ABC</b>	April 22
Poster Presentation	<b>ABC</b>	April 22
DNP Practicum log w/ Chair signature	<b>ABC</b>	April 22

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**NURS 6893- Assignments**

Date	Topic	Activity	Assignment
1/15	1 <sup>st</sup> class Welcome/Overview	Forms, applications, completion of materials needed/Professional pictures, etc..	Student Update <b>Meet w/Chair</b>
2/20	DNP Project Update	Project in progress Retain the services of an Editor	<b>Meet with Chair</b>
3/13	DNP Project Update	Project in progress Retain the services of an Editor	<b>Meet with Chair</b>
4/17	<b>Submit the Editor's Paid Invoice to Dr. Morales</b>		
4/22	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Submit to Chair for Approval-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10- Day RPL printable &amp; readable</li> <li>2. DNP Project Report</li> <li>3. Evidence Matrix</li> <li>4. DNP PowerPoint-</li> <li>5. DNP Poster Presentation</li> <li>6. DNP Practicum log with Chair Signature</li> </ol>		
5/02	<p><b>Submit all approved materials of DNP Project Portfolio to Dr. Morales in the following sequence; <u>Ensure to Correctly label each file.</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scope of Practice – a) State &amp; b) National Certification-----PDF</li> <li>2. Reflective Practice Log <b>Divider</b>-----Original</li> <li>3. 10-day Reflective Practice Log (RPL) &amp; 3 PICOT Questions -----PDF &amp; Original</li> <li>4. Proposal <b>Divider</b> -----Original</li> <li>5. DNP QI Proposal----- Original</li> <li>6. Facility Collaboration Letter -----PDF</li> <li>7. IRB letter “Not Research”/-----PDF</li> <li>8. DNP Project Report <b>Divider</b> -----Original</li> <li>9. Complete DNP Project----- Original</li> <li>10. DNP Project Report Matrix <b>Divider</b> -----Original</li> <li>11. Evidence Matrix - -----Original</li> <li>12. DNP Project PowerPoint <b>Divider</b> -----Original</li> <li>13. Scholarly Project PowerPoint Presentation- single and color-----Original</li> <li>14. Poster Presentation (landscape size)- color-----Original</li> <li>15. Clinical Hours <b>Divider</b> -----Original</li> <li>16. Practicum Log- 360 hours documented w/Chair signature-----PDF &amp; Original</li> <li>17. Handouts, pamphlets, forms utilized, etc.-----PDF</li> <li>18. Poster Presentation- Normal size-----Original</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dr. Morales</b> will approve DNP Project Portfolio file for printing and binding.</p>		
5/09	<b>Bound copy to Dr. Morales by 9:00 am</b>		
5/10	Class & Symposium Presentation Practice -9:00 – 11:00 pm		
5/11 & 12 EPNGB	DNP Scholarly Project Symposium - 9am – 4 pm		
May 14 or 15	UTEP Commencements- TBD		