**DNP Scholarly Project**

**DNP Community Mentor Expectations Summary**

**Dear DNP Community Mentor,**

If you are reading this, a Palm Beach Atlantic University Doctor of Nursing Practice Student is asking you to mentor them through the completion of their DNP Scholarly Project. In addition to this brief overview, the student should provide you with a copy of the syllabus. If you agree, you will need to sign the Preceptor Plan Application which details the dates of the semester and course information. The Graduate Nursing Coordinator will work with you and your student to complete the affiliation agreement including agency-level affiliation agreement, if required.

**Description:**

This course provides a culminating capstone experience for the DNP student leading to translate final theory, knowledge and evidence-based practice findings. The project is designed to allow students to demonstrate expertise in practice or populations and will be individualized based on projected career goals. Emphasis will be on synthesis of the DNP leadership role for improving quality health care. This practicum experience will culminate in a quality improvement and/or evidence based practice project which MUST be implemented and the effectiveness evaluated by the student.  The student will prepare a final doctoral paper, poster and podium presentation documenting the project and its results.

**Expectations for the Students:**

1. Complete project related hours (see course syllabus for number of hours required).
2. The Students should be exposed to all aspects of your role as nurse leader.
3. Design a quality improvement and/or evidence based practice project based on identified need and/or problem at the site location.
4. Implement the quality improvement and/or evidence based practice project.
5. Evaluate the results of the project.
6. Prepare a final doctoral paper, poster and podium presentation documenting the project and its results.

**Expectations for the Preceptor**

1. Allow the student to experience all aspects of your role as a nurse leader.  If an area is confidential, a briefing may substitute for firsthand experience.
2. Guide student in the design, implementation and evaluation of the DNP Final Scholarly Project.
3. Provide feedback to student regarding their performance and their project.
4. Ensure the project can be implemented within the practice setting.
5. Confirm completed practicum hours.
6. Communicate with Faculty member regarding student progress.

**Resources available to you:**

1. Nursing Graduate Coordinator
2. Faculty of the course
3. Graduate Nursing Student Handbook
4. Electronic Library Access