

Phenomenon of Interest

Phenomenon of interest in nursing practice can be defined in many ways. It may be a broad area of interest or specialty, such as nursing care of the cardiac patient or nursing care of children. It may mean one's research interest or program, such as sleep disorders in care givers or culturally competent care of certain populations. It may be a specific nursing theory such as Roy's Adaption model or a concept such as fatigue or pain.

For the clinical focus of this DNP program, the phenomenon of interest is expected to reflect a practice problem within the scopes of Registered Nurses or Advanced Practice Nurses in any type of setting. It should be a practice problem that is amenable to interventions or activities of the advanced practice nurse. It should be sufficiently small in scope to allow a thorough analysis, intervention(s), and evaluation of a problem solution within the time frame of this DNP program.

Examples of phenomenon of interest in DNP students:

1. Weight bias against obese patients by nursing staff
2. Electronic (Internet) mental health program for rural adolescents
3. Pain management in dementia patients or elderly depressed patients
4. Developing a healthy work environment for nursing students