

NURS 8927 - DNP Scholarly Project 1

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42415,

Credit hours: 3

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2013 PhD in Nursing, Villanova University

2006 Master of Science Nursing (MSN)/Clinical Nurse Specialist with Chronic Illness focus, Youngstown State University

1994 Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN), West Liberty State College

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Course Description

8927. DNP Scholarly Project 1. Focuses on identification of relevant clinical issues in anesthesiology with attendant formulation of critically applicable questions and examination of the relevant research evidence that addresses those questions. Students implement and evaluate a terminal project and disseminate the results through an oral and/or poster presentation, manuscript submission to a peer-reviewed journal or another appropriate medium. Prereq.: NURS 8921. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required			

Required:

St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists and Youngstown State University Centofanti School of Nursing. Class of 2028 DNP Project Handbook.

Recommended:

Bonnel, W. & Smith, K. (2025). Proposal writing for clinical nursing and#DNP#projects (4th ed.). Springer.

Bradshaw, M. & Vitale, T. (2024). The DNP project workbook: A step-by-step process for success (2nd ed.). Springer.

Korniewicz, D. (2020). Conducting the DNP project: Practical steps when the proposal is complete. Springer

Melnik, B. & Fineout-Overholt, E. (2023). Evidence-based practice in nursing & healthcare: A guide to best practice (5th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24	Syllabus, DNP Project Proposal, Timeline	All Assignments Due - Sunday 11:59pm before week begins * indicates must be submitted to Blackboard
Mon	8/31	Access to clinical sites/facilities	
Mon	9/7	No class – University closed	
Mon	9/14	Frameworks	*Submit Appendix A: DNP Final Project Area of Interest Form in Blackboard Share Proposed Timeline of DNP Project with Chair/Committee Member Identify agency project will occur
Mon	9/21	Project Methodology Evaluation of Plan Appendices	* Submit Appendix B: DNP Final Project Committee Member Approval Form in Blackboard Submit the following to Chair/Committee Member (See Appendix C): Title Page and Table of Contents Background and Significance Literature Review Purpose/ Objectives Framework
Mon	9/28	Project Methodology Evaluation of Plan	
Mon	10/5	IRB	Submit the following to Chair/Committee Member (See Appendix C): Project Methodology Evaluation of Plan References Appendices
Mon	10/12	Preparing for proposal approval	
Mon	10/19	Project Methodology	
Mon	10/26	Review of project timeline	Submit draft of DNP project proposal to Chair/Committee Member (See Appendix C)
Mon	11/2	Review of project timeline	Chair/Committee Member to meet with student to approve proposal
Mon	11/9	Review of project timeline	
Mon	11/16	Review of project timeline	*Submit approved DNP project proposal in Blackboard Submit IRB Application to YSU via Cayuse when all other IRBs approved
Mon	11/23	Preparing to Implement project	Update Timeline of DNP Project and review with Chair/ Committee Member
Mon	11/30	Course Wrap Up	Upon all IRB approvals, including YSU, may begin implementation of DNP project. *Submit Appendix K: DNP Final Project Time Log in Blackboard *Submit all IRB approvals in Blackboard

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