**MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**

**Scholarly Project Preliminary Outline**

All Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students are expected to design, and conduct, and disseminate the findings of a scholarly project through a variety of venues. The project demonstrates the student’s mastery of the DNP Essential Competencies (AACN, 2006) and provides the foundation for future scholarly endeavors. The project is to demonstrate identification and resolution of a practice problem through the scholarship of application. The primary objective of the project is the improvement of patient health outcomes in the practice setting.

### Types of Scholarly Projects

The Scholarly Project may take a variety of forms that may include, but is not limited to:

* Quality improvement
* Clinical practice guideline (development, application)
* Algorithm
* Tool kit
* Pilot study
* Program evaluation
* Practice model evaluation (new or existing)
* Delivery system model evaluation (new or existing)
* Health policy initiative

**You may not have your detailed project idea completed yet. This exercise will assist you to focus on *potential* ideas. The purpose of the roundtable is to help brainstorm and hopefully put more focus around your project.**

**START WITH THE PATIENT HEALTH OUTCOME YOU WANT TO IMPROVE. Please use the template on page 2 to prepare your scholarly project preliminary outline. Bring the completed template to the DNP Intensive. You will use this during the Scholarly Project Roundtable Discussions on Friday, May 19.**

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* **Patient health outcome you want to improve**
* Working title (12 words or less)
* Your name (no credentials)
* Introduction/Background (2-3 sentences that identified the compelling practice problem, significance, and clinical site need for improvement)
* Current evidence (list 3-5 significant studies)
* Problem (PICOT) statement (1-2 sentences)
* Project objectives
* Methods (state in a few words)
  + Project design
  + Setting
  + Sample size needed to be significant
  + Evidence-based intervention(s)
  + Instrument(s) to be used to measure outcomes
  + Outcome data to be collected
  + Statistical tests to analyze data