Practice Hours for DNP Project
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Students will earn 500+ hours designing, implementing, and evaluating an approved project in the DNP program and meeting the DNP Essentials. These hours must be documented. It is the students’ responsibility to document them each semester for faculty to review.

Practicum or project hours focus can include:

- Processes of care
- Safety and quality
- Organizational leadership
- Professional leadership
- Health policy
- Healthcare economics
- Ethical issues
- Population health

Activities that may be logged:

- Agency meetings to determine project and organizational priorities
- Interviewing potential mentors or other stakeholders for project
- Reviewing dashboards/agency goals and initiatives
- Interdisciplinary team meetings
- Meetings with mentor or stakeholders
- Conferences or workshops applicable to your project that will increase your knowledge to lead your team — upon approval by course faculty
- Design and implementing PDSA cycles or interventions
- Data collection
- Data analysis (including run or control charts)
- Meeting with IT specialists for EMR improvement
- Consulting with CU CRNS staff for advice on data analysis
- Meetings with faculty advisor
- Presentations to team or stakeholders, mentor
- Needs assessment data collection
- Logic model, Precede/Procede Model, Fishbone diagram, RCA that are worked on in the clinical agency with the mentor and/or team.
- Building portfolio
- Completing CITI, IHI modules

Hours that should not be counted or documented:

- Working on graded course assignments (reading modules, completing course assignments, participating in course discussions, writing papers)
- Direct patient care
- Your paid job or position

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