

Practice Hours for DNP Project

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Students will earn 540+ hours designing, implementing and evaluating an approved project in the DNP program and meeting the AACN Essentials. These hours must be put towards the completion of the project and documented in InPlace. It is the student's responsibility to document them each semester for faculty to review.

*Project hour **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 mentors and stakeholders for the project
- Reviewing dashboards/agency goals and initiatives
- Needs assessment data collection- This includes logic models, RCA, fishbone diagrams that are worked on in the clinical agency with the mentor or team
- Interdisciplinary team meetings
- Meetings with clinical mentor and/or stakeholders
- Meeting with IT specialists for EMR improvement
- Completing CITI, IHI modules
- Writing your project proposal
- 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
- Consulting with CU ORS staff for advice on data analysis
- Presentations to team or stakeholders, mentor

Hours that should not be counted or documented:

- Working on graded assignments (reading modules, participating in course discussions)
- Synchronous class sessions or office hours
- Working on your portfolio
- Writing your scholarly paper
- Meetings with faculty adviser
- Direct patient care
- Your paid job or position