

STTI Zeta Chapter Practice Project Grant Instructions

The practice project or DNP project is a scholarly project that represents a synthesis of a nurse's work in clinical practice or student's work in a DNP program.

It should have the following characteristics:

- Address a complex practice or clinical problem within the nurse's or student's field of expertise
- Propose an evidence-based change to address that problem for a significant population
- Use leadership skills to implement and evaluate the efficacy of the practice change
- Describe how the outcomes of the change will be evaluated.

The project may take on many forms, but the common theme throughout any practice project is the use of evidence and theoretical concepts to improve practice or clinical outcomes.

The culmination of this project may be a written paper, article, or presentation describing:

- The project process
- The project implementation
- Lessons learned throughout the change project
- A summary of the outcomes thus far.

The project should build the foundation for further scholarly work. The project should represent prospective work in practice and not retrospective work that is already completed.

Proposal with Description of Protocol

1. Title
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
 - a. Background knowledge
 - b. Local problem
 - c. Intended improvement
 - d. Study question
4. Methods
 - a. Ethical issues
 - b. Setting
 - c. Planning the intervention
 - d. Planning the study of the intervention
 - e. Methods of evaluation
 - f. Analysis
5. Results
 - a. Expected outcomes
6. Discussion
 - a. Limitations

Submit the following to the STTI Zeta Chapter email address:

1. STTI Zeta Chapter Practice Project Grant Application (address from the U of M School of Nursing internal STTI website at: www.nursing.edu)
2. Cover Letter: Description of the Applicant's Request
3. Proposal/Executive Summary: Including the components as described above
4. Proposed Budget
5. Signed letter of support from supervisor (clinical nurse) or faculty (student).