

QSEN DNP TASKFORCE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Why is the DNP important to you?

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice highlights the need to continually pursue quality improvement in our clinical settings. It's focus can impact patient care outcomes and help nurses drive excellence in practice across the care continuum. I see the DNP role evolving over time and becoming vital to clinical operations in administration, leadership, education, safety, and direct care venues. Healthcare is moving towards a team-based approach in both inpatient and ambulatory care settings. Nurses have a unique opportunity to utilize advance practice roles to build team-based care and the DNP's emphasis on quality can absolutely facilitate this process.

Career Highlights:

I have practiced in several academic medical institutions across various roles that focus on leadership and clinical outcomes. Currently, I am working with multidisciplinary groups to enhance education and training to our clinicians and build teams. In addition, I am working to enhance the education we provide patients and families using simulation-based methods.

Why are you involved with QSEN?

I want to share my passion for highlighting the role that nurses can take in both research and quality-driven initiatives. QSEN has given us a space to design, develop and explore the role of the DNP at a national level and this is an unbelievable opportunity to do so.