

QSEN DNP TASKFORCE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Why is the DNP important to you?

The DNP prepared nurse is important because they function within organizations using a distinct skill set and advanced knowledge to drive innovations in practice that improve systems of care.

Career Highlights:

I recently received tenure and promotion to associate professor of nursing at SHU where I have taught in the DNP program for the last 5 years. I have taught the course work that supports the DNP project proposal and I have been the faculty mentor for more than 50 DNP project proposals. I have been chair of 15 DNP student project committees. These projects have focused on translating evidence into practice that affects the quality, safety and cost of care. I have published several peer-reviewed articles and textbook chapters on evidence based practice. I created an EBP website that houses resources for our SHU College of Nursing faculty and students. I have also co-authored several peer-reviewed publications on DNP practice change projects with DNP alumni.

Why are you involved with QSEN?

My role in the QSEN DNP taskforce is linked to being an evidence based practice content expert and a full-time faculty member in a DNP program. With the explosion of the DNP programs in the United States (n=264) from 2006-2014 and the current DNP graduates in practice, it is important for QSEN to expand its resources to the DNP prepared nurse. I want to be involved in helping with this expansion.