Expertise of PhD's

- High level of expertise in original research congruent with focus of academic program
- Leadership experience in area of sustained research funding
- Contributes to healthcare improvements via the development of new knowledge and scholarly products that provide the foundation for the advancement of nursing science
- Advanced knowledge in theory, research design, and conduct of research

Expertise of DNP's

- Appraise clinical knowledge and translate findings into nursing practice
- Focus on healthcare policy (including budgets, financial management, leadership theory)
- Cultivating practice expertise
- Experts in nursing practice, systems thinking, patient and health system advocacy
- High level of expertise in practice congruent with focus of academic program
- Provides access to populations of interest and site availability, and staff and administration acceptance of research in clinical settings

Key Elements of DNP/PhD Partnerships

- Established relationships between Deans of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officers
- Commitment to ongoing collaboration between academia and practice
- Presence of consulting PhD prepared nurse faculty as a joint appointment at practice setting
- Collaborate and consensus on professionalism, integrity and passion for nursing through reflection, insight, and continuous learning
- Develop a respectful understanding of each one’s contribution to the nursing profession to advance nursing research and translation of research into practice
- Great humor and approach to solving problems across settings

Successful Outcomes of DNP/PhD Partnerships

- PhD and DNP collectively promote the scholarly projects being completed by the DNP and PhD students
- PhD and DNP mentor nurses on project ideas and process related to project implementation and completion
- PhD and DNP function as committee members together on scholarly projects in both academia and practice
- PhD and DNP work collaboratively at the practice site on Nursing Research Council to promote nurse-driven research
- Facilitate research at practice settings from external nurse research
- Appraise clinical knowledge and translate findings into nursing practice
- Assess project feasibility and applicability for practice setting
- Ability to share resources across academia and practice
- Active involvement in both academia and practice committee work

References