

## **Guidelines for the DNP Scholarly Project Defense**

The DNP Scholarly Project Defense is a public presentation of the completed research project. The verbal presentation should include statements of the problem, review of the literature, methods used, results, and implications of the study. After questions from the Scholarly Project Committee, an opportunity should be provided for questions from the audience.

The Defense shall be scheduled prior to the deadline for grades of the semester in which the student expects to graduate at a time and place that is convenient and agreed upon by the Scholarly Project Committee members and the defending student. The Scholarly Project Defenses of more than one student may be combined into a symposium format, if this is agreed upon by all faculty and students involved.

Notice of the Scholarly Project Defense, including the student's name, Scholarly Project title, and time and place of the defense, should be posted within the school of nursing at least one (1) week prior to the defense date. The student(s) is(are) responsible, in consultation with the Scholarly Project Committee, for reserving a room, posting the notice for the defense, and notifying the faculty members.

The Scholarly Project Committee Chairperson will conduct the meeting by introducing the purpose and procedure for the meeting, introducing the student, and ending the meeting. Guests from within and outside the school of nursing may be invited to the defense at the discretion and with the permission of the Chairperson of the Scholarly Project Committee.

Following the Scholarly Project Defense, the Scholarly Project Committee will meet to decide if the student has completed the requirements for NUND 620 and notify the student of their decision. The Scholarly Project Committee Chairperson shall notify the Secretary of the DNP Program when the Scholarly Project Defense requirement has been met.