DNP Student Clinical Timeline

JSU offers DNP students two different tracks to complete their DNP degree. The traditional pathway pairs students with a facility in May, while our second pathway has a small cohort of students who begin working with preceptors in August. All students will need to have a consistent preceptor and clinical site for 16 months during these courses.

Track # 1: May Start Date (most common)

DNP 8796 course milestones: (Summer semester)

- Students are paired with a preceptor and clinical site in late May
- Contract paperwork is submitted
- Four meetings occur to discuss the potential quality improvement project
- Assignments focus on aligning project goals with evidenced-based interventions to solve the clinical problem.
- Students gather "self-study" facility data that supports project implementation

DNP 8797 course milestones: (Fall semester)

- Students are assigned a JSU faculty member (August) for additional project guidance
- Students complete IRB training
- Four meetings at your facility occur to discuss final details of the quality improvement project
- Students prepare a formal project proposal for faculty approval (late Sept/early Oct)
- IRB applications are submitted (Oct/Nov)

DNP 8798 course milestones: (Spring semester)

- Project implementation begins (January) and lasts 8-10 weeks
- Four meetings on-site occur to discuss the implementation of the quality improvement project
- A formal written assignment detailing the project (the Executive Summary, or ES) is written
- Preceptors are asked to provide ES content suggestions

DNP 8799 course milestones: (Summer semester)

- Project results are shared on site (July)
- The formal ES is completed and published on the JSU Commons website
- Students prepare a project poster and powerpoint sharing details of their project
- The Dissemination Day (July) invites DNP students, project facility staff, and JSU faculty to campus to discuss all DNP projects on campus
- Graduation (August)

Track # 2 (smaller cohort)

DNP 8796 (Fall semester): Students complete the same milestones as above starting in August

DNP 8797 (Spring semester): Students complete the same milestones as above starting in January

DNP 8798 (Summer semester): Students complete the same milestones as above starting in May

DNP 8799 (Fall semester): Students complete the same milestones as above starting in August