



School of Nursing

DNP Essay Instructions:

The mission of the Touro University Nevada is to provide quality education programs in the fields of healthcare and education in concert with the Judaic commitment to intellectual pursuit, and service to humanity.

The DNP program focuses on nurse leadership and provides the student with the opportunity to develop and implement a quality improvement project within a selected clinical practice site. Even though the quality improvement project does not include direct patient care, the intervention should focus on improving clinical care which can result in better patient outcomes. The program does not allow project sites to be educational settings (college or university). An example would be to develop a protocol or policy and lead other health care professionals to implement the intervention at the practice site. It is highly recommended the student have a project mentor and practice site prior to starting the program.

Reflecting on the focus of the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Leadership and the mission of TUN submit an essay that discusses all three of the following topics:

1. How obtaining a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in leadership will align with your current or future role as a nurse leader and the mission of TUN?
2. The knowledge, skills, and/or abilities you possess that will enable you to successfully earn the DNP degree.
3. As a DNP student you will be required to complete a scholarly project.
 - A. Identify a problem or a topic of interest in nursing that you would like to propose for the DNP scholarly project. **The project must have a clinical leadership focus.**
 - B. Identify a practice site(s) where your scholarly project could be potentially implemented

This essay will be evaluated based on the applicant's ability to follow the essay instructions, using a logical/organized thought process, while demonstrating command of the English language and compliance with APA formatting and style guidelines. Ideas should be clear. **Both the quality of the project idea and the quality of the writing are considered in the admission decision process.** Applicants are highly encouraged to provide current evidence to support ideas. The paper should be double spaced and no longer than 3 pages in length. Cover and reference pages are not included in the page limit.

Please note: The submission of a potential DNP project idea does not guarantee its future acceptance as a scholarly project if the student is admitted to the DNP program.