Guidelines for Writing Sample

The DNP Writing sample may have a direct care or administrative purpose.

APA format and citations are required and this should be written in a scholarly voice. Incomplete writing samples will not be reviewed and the application will be considered incomplete at the Capstone College of Nursing. The finished sample should be no more than 4-5 pages.

The writing sample must contain each of the following:

- **Problem or Issue** – Identify a problem or issue associated with the clinical management of a specific patient cohort or a specific administrative/leadership issue. Use appropriate citation.
- **Patient Cohort** – Describe a potential patient cohort or a specific health care organization or unit. Use appropriate citation to support your statement.
- **Potential Solution** – Describe one potential evidence-based solution. Use appropriate citation to support your solution.
- **Related Research** – Discuss related research studies from the literature, evidence-based practice guidelines, protocols, and/or models for best practices that relate to solution. Include appropriate and current citation.
- **Potential Clinical Outcome** – Describe one potential outcome and outline how you could measure that outcome. Be specific about the measurement.
- **Citations**