

**Appendix 4:** DNP Question Development Tool

**Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Specialty Track: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TASK:** The purpose of this assignment is to help the DNP student focus on development of a clinical question for project planning. The student must thoughtfully answer each of the questions below and submit it to faculty for review along with a appropriate reference list (10-20 citations) used to answer these questions.

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| What is the observed clinical problem and why is it important? |
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| What is the current practice? Is it effective or not effective? Explain. |
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| How was the problem identified?  |
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| Who does the problem impact? (Explain) |
| [ ]  Individuals[ ]  Population[ ]  Institution/System[ ]  Other |
| Based on your current knowledge, what do you think **SHOULD** be done for the problem? |
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| What are the outcomes, quality measures, or indicators that could verify the problem was addressed? |
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| How will your project make a change in clinical practice? |
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| Where, or in what context, will this project take place:Site/Organization:Address:Contact Person:Phone Number: ( ) -Email:  |
| What work have you done so far to investigate the needs of this organization for the project?(Explain) |
| Have you identified a potential DNP Chair? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_\_ NO(The Chair MUST be a full-time Rutgers Faculty with a doctoral degree PhD or DNP)Name: Email: Have you identified a second DNP Team Member? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO(The DNP Team must have one member besides the Chair, with a terminal degree)Name: Email:  |
| Using PICO(T), state your clinical question for this project: |
| Checklist \_\_\_\_\_\_ All questions are answered completely and thoroughly.  \_\_\_\_\_\_ The reference is list comprehensive and reflects good initial effort. \_\_\_\_\_\_ References are generally less than 5 years old. |
| Project Planning Faculty Comments:Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Recommended Action Items for the Student:1) 2)3) |

**Student NOTES:**

**Adapted from Dearholt & Dang (2012).**