DNP Project Checklist

Nine stages from practice problem to poster

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1 Practice problem

Target date: _____

- [ ] Pulled local data that show the problem
- [ ] Talked with stakeholders at my site
- [ ] Wrote a problem statement with the gap

2 PICOT question

Target date: _____

- [ ] P, I, C, O and T are specific
- [ ] Outcome is measurable and the data exist
- [ ] Faculty approved my PICOT

3 Evidence

Target date: _____

- [ ] Searched CINAHL, PubMed and Cochrane, and saved my search terms
- [ ] Appraised each study with my program's tool
- [ ] Built an evidence table and wrote a synthesis

4 Framework

Target date: _____

- [ ] Chose an EBP model and a change or QI model
- [ ] Linked each project step to the model

5 Project plan

Target date: _____

- [ ] Setting, sample, inclusion and exclusion criteria
- [ ] Intervention: what, who, how often, how long
- [ ] Outcome measures and data sources
- [ ] Analysis plan matched to my data
- [ ] Timeline, resources and budget
- [ ] Proposal approved

6 Approvals

Target date: _____

- [ ] Site permission letter
- [ ] IRB approval or QI determination

7 Implementation

Target date: _____

- [ ] Staff trained and materials ready
- [ ] Tracking fidelity
- [ ] Keeping a log of barriers and changes

8 Analysis

Target date: _____

- [ ] Data cleaned and sample described
- [ ] Planned test run (paired vs. independent checked)
- [ ] Effect sizes and confidence intervals reported

9 Dissemination

Target date: _____

- [ ] Final paper
- [ ] Poster
- [ ] Defense or presentation
- [ ] Results shared with my site

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