

DNP Providers as Policy Advocates: Changing the Nursing Role in Advancing the Healthcare Agenda

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Objectives

Attendees will:

- 1) Identify processes of developing and implementing policy to improve healthcare outcomes.
- 2) List examples of how the DNP prepared nurse participates in policy development and implementation in academia, clinical practice, administration, research and informatics.
- 3) Describe ways that DNP prepared nursing professionals collaborate to influence change.

Policy Program

- ▶ Didactic content
- ▶ Real-life projects
- ▶ Policy practicum experiences
- ▶ Incorporation of policy implications into DNP projects
- ▶ Personal strategic planning that addresses individual policy development



Didactic Content

- ▶ Overview of the Policy Process/Framework
- ▶ “Toxic Hot Seat”
- ▶ Current policy issues that impact Nursing
- ▶ Political Competence: Behaviors, Role Models, Influences, Disparities, Advocacy and Campaigns
- ▶ Interacting with the Media



Policy Assignments

- ▶ Discussion Boards
- ▶ Elevator speech
- ▶ Group Testimony
- ▶ Political Event
- ▶ DNP Project – Implications of study for Policy change

Policy Initiatives/Practicum

- ▶ The Policy Summit in Washington DC,
- ▶ A fellowship with a lobbyist in their state's General Assembly
- ▶ Professional or local policy initiatives
- ▶ Legislative Day



DNP Projects

- ▶ Reimbursement issues – IUD Study
- ▶ APRN constraints
- ▶ Telehealth

Personal Strategic Plan

- ▶ Students must address how they plan to develop their role as an:
 - ▶ Advocate
 - ▶ Policy maker
- ▶ What regulates their profession?
- ▶ Imposter Syndrome

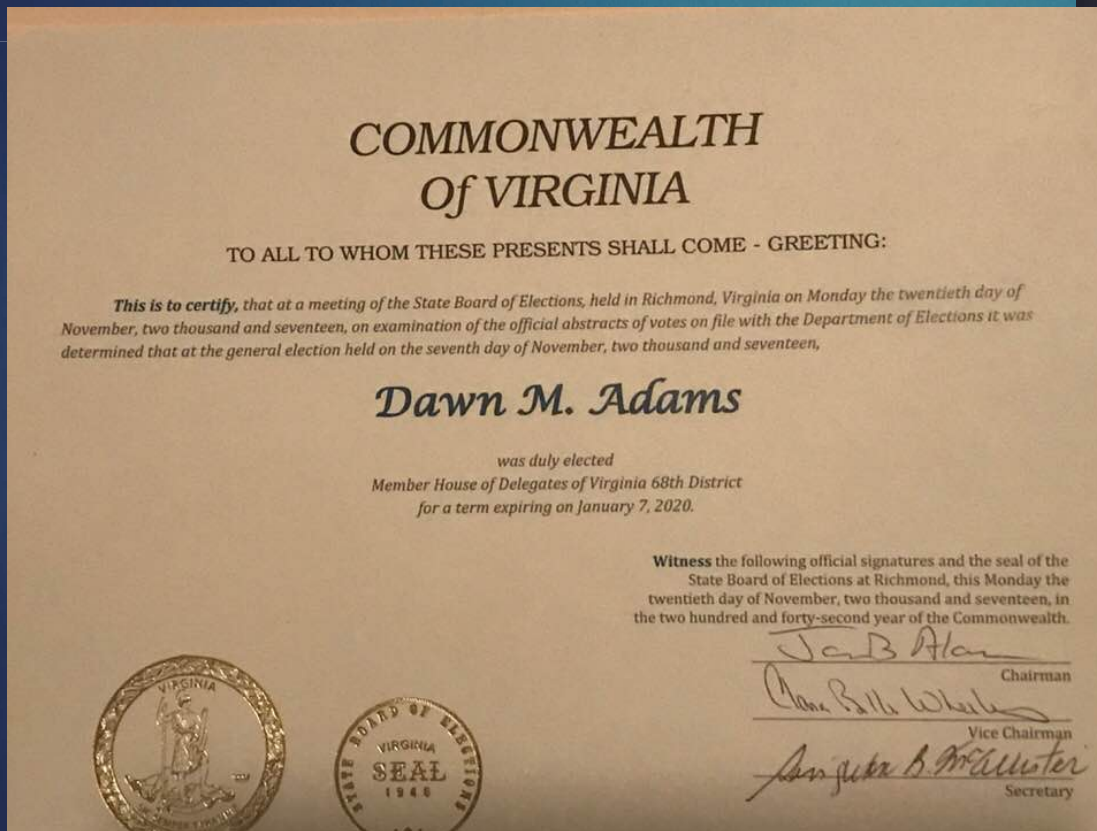
Policy Involvement after Graduation

- ▶ DNP organization - state
- ▶ Annual conferences with a policy focus
- ▶ Policy Special Interest Group (SIG)
- ▶ Networking



State Delegate to Virginia General Assembly


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Independent NP Practice

- ▶ Instrumental in collecting data on independent practice for nurse practitioners

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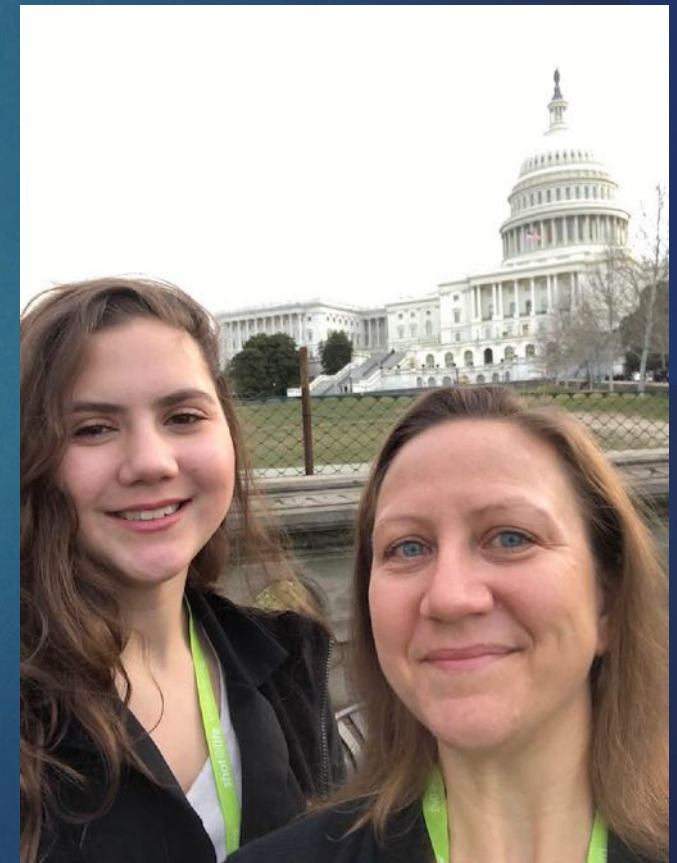
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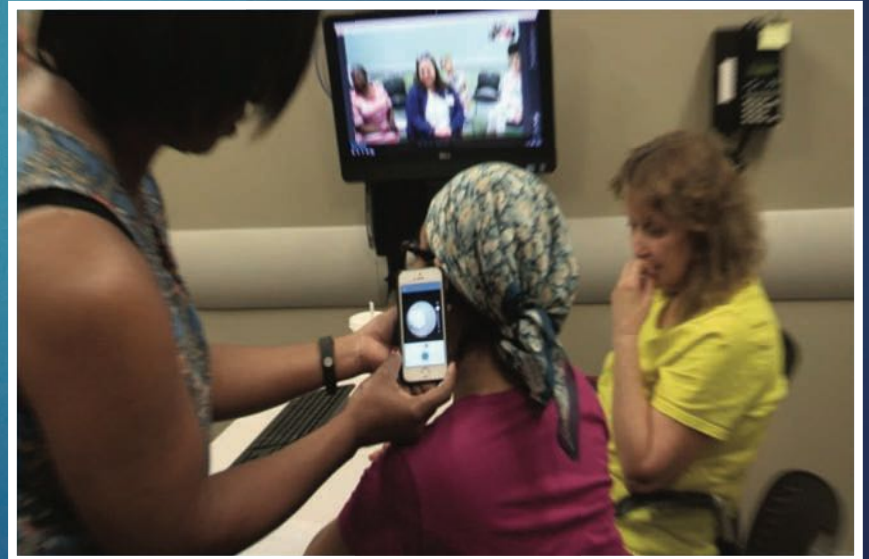
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Telehealth Policy

- ▶ Only nurse that sits on the Advisory Board for the Center for Telehealth eHealth Law (CTeL).
- ▶ National non-profit organization responsible for developing telehealth policy and advising state and national legislative changes



VMAP

▶ Overview

- ▶ Children's Mental Health
- ▶ HRSA

▶ Participants

- ▶ Mental Health providers
- ▶ Primary care providers of Children
- ▶ VDOH
- ▶ ODU Telehealth

▶ Programs

- ▶ Project ECHO
- ▶ Telehealth (Videoconferencing, eConsults)
- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Poor clothing choices (color, style, & pattern)

▶ Governor's Budget



Policy Preparation



Any Questions??

