

Scholarly Publishing and Doctor of Nursing Practice Students



A Survey of Publishing Outcomes at the University of San
Francisco

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Scholarly Publishing and DNP students

- The DNP program at USF
- Overview of DNP scholarship
- Why we started this project
- Methodology for identifying USF DNP publications
- Assessment of the DNP scholarly output at USF
- Next steps...

DNP at the University of San Francisco

Launched in 2008, one of the first DNP programs in California

	BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BSN)	MASTER'S DEGREE (ANY FIELD) + RN
<u>Family Nurse Practitioner</u>	Available	Available
<u>Executive Leadership</u>	Not Available	Available
<u>Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</u>	Available	Available
<u>Population Health Leadership</u>	Not Available	Available

DNP Scholarship

- A practice based doctorate, distinct from a PhD in nursing
- Clinical doctorate with a mandate to disseminate findings
- The “scholarship of application”

The scholarship of application...

“The scholarship of application expands the realm of knowledge beyond mere discovery and directs it toward humane ends.

Nursing practice epitomizes the scholarship of application through its position where the sciences, human caring, and human need meet and new understandings emerge”¹

A focus on evidence appraisal and application

- Development of targeted evidence summaries
- The ability to synthesize knowledge in an abbreviated and user-friendly format²
- Testing the effectiveness of practice approaches, theories, interventions, etc.
- Improved patient care and more efficient health care systems²

DNP Scholarship at the University of San Francisco

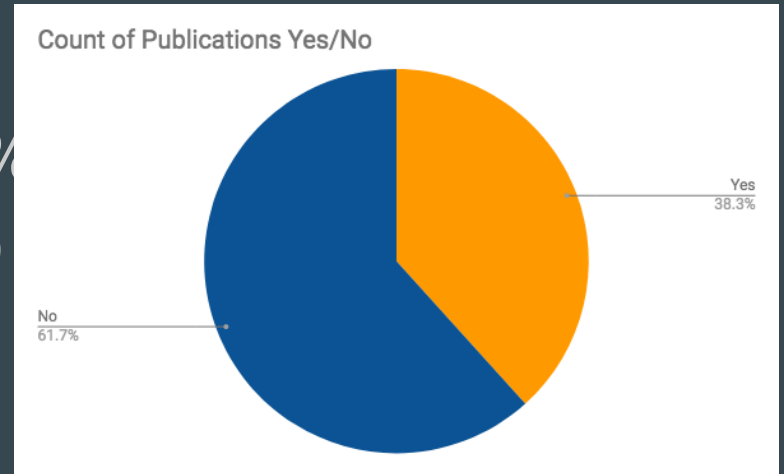


What are the publishing outcomes of our DNP students?

- Methodology for search process
 - Author name search in CINAHL
 - Author name search in Scopus
- Identity confirmed by reviewing:
 - Affiliation
 - Degrees listed (DNP)
 - Topic match with EBP project in USF repository
 - Date of publication/matriculation or degree conferral date

Publishing Outcomes

- Total graduates = 261
- Published ≥ 1 article = 100 (38%)
- Published >1 article = 35 (13%)



Publishing Outcomes by program

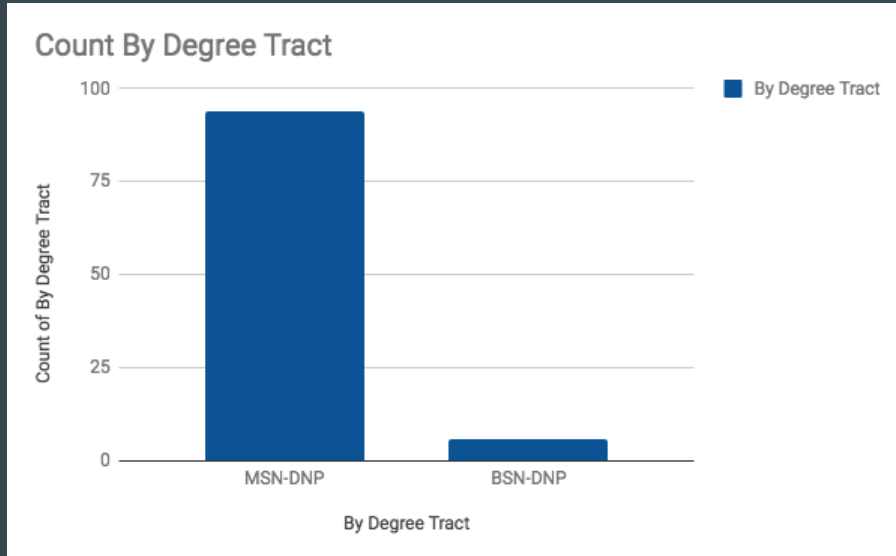
Programs with highest rates of publication:

Healthcare Systems Executive Leadership: 29 (out of 71)
40%

Healthcare Systems Leadership: 50 (out of 115) 43%

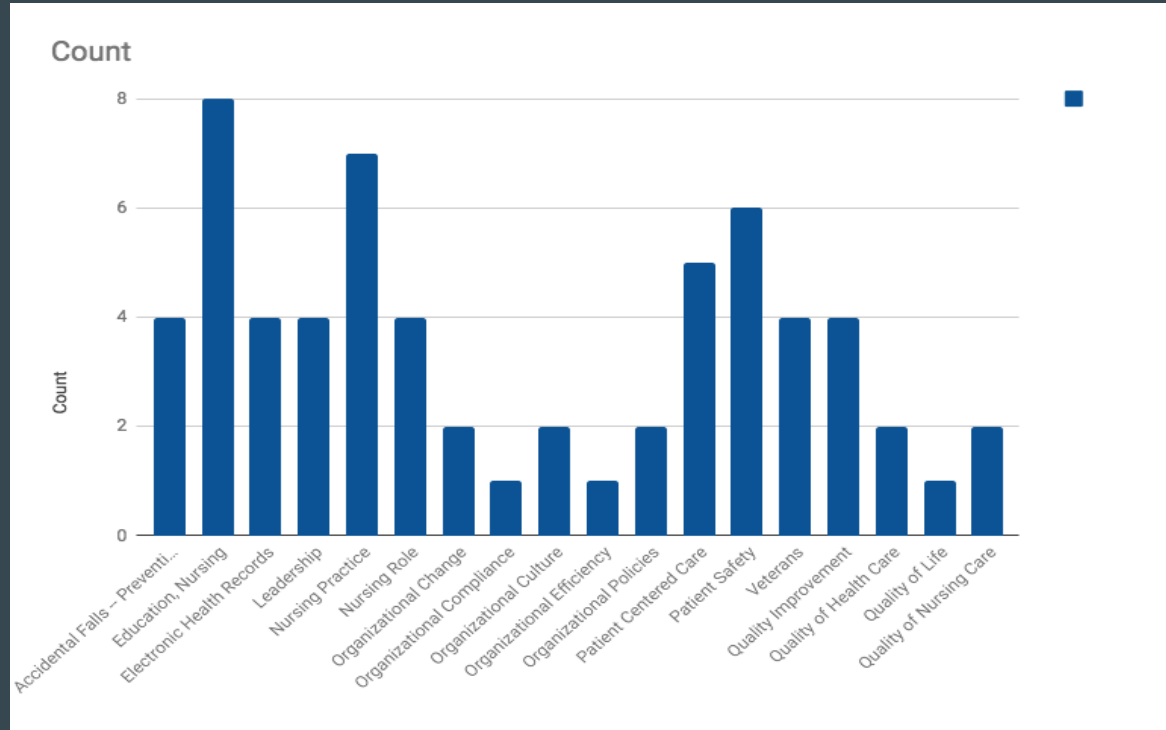
Publishing Outcomes by track

Overwhelming, publications were produced by masters prepared students, as opposed to students in the bachelors to doctoral degree tracks.



Publishing outcomes: CINAHL subject headings

Accidental Falls
Education, Nursing
Electronic Health Records
Leadership
Nursing Practice
Nursing Role
Patient Centered Care
Patient Safety
Veterans
Quality Improvement



Publishing Outcomes: Journals

Nurse Leader (9)

Journal of Nursing Administration (6)

Creative Nursing (4)

Journal for Nurse Practitioners (4)

Nursing (4)

Nursing Management (4)

Publishing Outcomes: Journals, cont.

Journal subjects:

- Nursing Leadership and Management
- Medical & Surgical Nursing and Nursing Fundamentals
- Advanced and Specialized Nursing
- Nursing (misc)

Implications

- We have a benchmark! We have data!
- We know the voices that are not being heard in scholarly publishing
- We know who needs more support, or an alternate method of dissemination
- Collection development & instruction implications
- Next steps...

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