

Electronic DNP Project Approval Form for Final Copy

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Current Address: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____
Project Title: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I represent that my DNP Project is my original work. Proper attribution has been given to all outside sources. I understand that I am solely responsible for obtaining any needed copyright permissions. I have obtained and attached hereto needed written permission statements(s) from the owner(s) of each third-party copyrighted matter to be included in my work, allowing electronic distribution (if such use is not permitted by the fair use doctrine).

I hereby grant to The University of Kentucky and its agents the irrevocable, non-exclusive, and royalty-free license to archive and make accessible my work in whole or in part in all forms of media, now or hereafter known. I agree that the document mentioned above may be made available immediately for worldwide access unless a preapproved embargo applies.

I retain all other ownership rights to the copyright of my work. I also retain the right to use in future works (such as articles or books) all or part of my work. I understand that I am free to register the copyright to my work.

REVIEW, APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE

The document mentioned above has been reviewed and accepted by the student's advisor, on behalf of the advisory committee, and by the Assistant Dean for MSN and DNP Studies, on behalf of the program; we verify that this is the final, approved version of the student's DNP Project including all changes required by the advisory committee. The undersigned agree to abide by the statements above.

EMBARGO AGREEMENT (OPTIONAL): See page two for embargo instructions and full embargo policy.

No Embargo Requested Embargo Requested for:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
STUDENT

Signature: _____ Date: _____
ADVISOR

Signature: _____ Date: _____
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR MSN/DNP STUDIES

Embargo Policy Guidelines

Doctoral projects are made publicly available in the University of Kentucky's institutional repository (UKnowledge: <https://uknowledge.uky.edu/>) upon acceptance by the College of Nursing. In limited circumstances, students may be granted approval to postpone public access to their DNP project. Such a postponement is known as an embargo.

There is a record of each embargoed DNP project on UKnowledge that displays the author name, title, abstract, publication year, and college and department affiliations. The record also shows when the embargo will expire. Only the student (as the author) and the administrators of UKnowledge can access the DNP project before the embargo expiration date.

Students considering an embargo should discuss it with the committee chair (or co-chairs if any). The committee chair has to support the embargo before the students can submit a request for it to the Assistant Dean.

Reasons for an embargo could be:

- The student is applying for a patent on an invention or procedure documented in the DNP project and does not wish to make the contents public until the patent application has been filed
- The DNP project contains sensitive and/or classified information
- Immediate release of the DNP project may impact an existing or potential publishing agreement

To protect their interests, students may choose from the following embargo restriction options:

- a) 6 months
- b) 1 year
- c) 2 years

Students and their committee chairs should discuss and reach a mutual agreement regarding which embargo option is appropriate. Conflicts between the wishes of the student and the committee chair should be resolved before the students complete the ETD approval form. The student will then have to submit the finalized

DNP project and the signed ETD Approval Form to UKnowledge. Details about the submission process are available in this [ETD submission guide](#).

As the DNP project is the student's intellectual property, only the student can initiate a cancellation or an extension of an approved embargo. To do that, the student should contact the Assistant Dean of DNP Program.