

## DNP Quality Improvement (QI) Projects at Banner Health Facilities

For DNP students conducting a DNP quality improvement project at a Banner Health facility, following are the steps in the review and approval process.

- Meet with the Banner Health DNP Student Project Coordinator/Director of Professional Practice early in the proposal development process to discuss preliminary ideas for the DNP project and review the Banner Health submission and approval process. Please note that the DNP student must be a Banner Health employee throughout the project.
- Obtain a letter of support from the DNP Student Project Coordinator/Director of Professional Practice.
- Defend DNP Project proposal and obtain approval from DNP Project Chair to move forward with the Banner Health Research Determination Committee (RDC) approval process.
- Upload the letter of support along with your Banner Health RDC Project Review Application and supporting documents via the Banner iRIS electronic program. The application will be reviewed by the Banner Health Research Determination Committee (RDC). It may take 4-6 weeks for this review.
- Obtain approval letter for your project from Banner Health RDC.
  - Read the letter carefully to ensure your project was approved as 'not research'. If it was approved as research, you will need University of Arizona IRB approval.
- Send a copy of the Banner Health RDC approval letter to Alice Pasvogel, Office of Research & Scholarship ([apasv@arizona.edu](mailto:apasv@arizona.edu)).
- Review by the University of Arizona IRB is not required for projects approved by Banner Health RDC as 'not research'.