

Quality Improvement (QI) and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Projects Conducted at Banner Health Facilities

For DNP students who are Banner Health employees conducting quality improvement/ evidence-based practice projects at a Banner Health facility, following are the steps in the review and approval process.

- Meet with Clinical Research Program Director, Dr. Matthew Loveitt (Matthew.Loveitt@bannerhealth.com) early in the process to review the DNP Project Approval Process and timeline for implementation. The process generally involves three (3) sequential steps before implementation of your project.
 - Initial Project Feasibility Approval
 - Local Project Proposal Review
 - Submission to the Banner Health (BH) Research Determination Committee (RDC)
- Before submitting to the Banner Health RDC Committee, pass your DNP Project Proposal Defense with your DNP Project Committee at the College of Nursing and obtain approval from DNP Project Chair to move forward with the Banner Health Research Determination Committee (RDC) review process. It may take 4-6 weeks for the review process.
- The BH RDC application, Letter of Support, and all supporting documents will be uploaded in the BH iRIS electronic program in advance of the RDC review date.
- Obtain Final Outcome Letter for your project from the BH 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 outcome letter to Alice Pasvogel, Office of Research & Scholarship (apasv@arizona.edu).
- Review by the University of Arizona IRB is not required for projects approved by Banner Health RDC as 'not research'.