Policy Title: BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Advisement Policy

All BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia (NA) students will be advised by a NA faculty member throughout the doctoral program. The faculty advisor is called the faculty mentor. The advisor-faculty mentor relationship is foundational for a student to progress in the program. The student is assigned a faculty mentor upon admission into the program by the BSN-DNP NA Director. The faculty mentor serves as both the academic and Clinical Practice Portfolio (CSP) mentor.

Selection of a faculty mentor is based on a match between the student’s clinical interest and the faculty member’s expertise as well as interest in working together through the development and acceptance of the CSP. Academic advisement includes advice about the program, courses, clinical preceptorships, and seminar experiences. CSP advisement includes assisting the student in the selection, development, and completion of a Practice Improvement Initiative (PII) based on a clinical problem of interest to the student. The faculty mentor is responsible for approving inclusions into the CSP and the completed CSP before submission to the BSN-DNP Council for final approval before graduation. The student is expected to maintain timely and ongoing communications with her/his faculty mentor and be responsive to established timelines.

If either the student or faculty mentor wishes to change the relationship, the request is addressed to the BSN-DNP NA Director who has the authority to officially make an advisee-faculty mentor change. Any change in faculty mentor will be reported to the Student Affairs Office by the BSN-DNP NA Director.