

Week 1 Discussion: Area of Interest in NP

Over the course of the next eight weeks, we will be examining concepts related to nursing research and the translation of evidence to practice. To help you better understand the process, you will be identifying a practice issue for nurse practitioners. You will develop a PICOT question associated with the issue, find evidence to support a change in practice, and present your recommendations for change to your peers. This week, we will work on helping you refine your area of interest so that you will be able to develop a concise question for next week's assignment. You are encouraged to use the area of interest you chose for the project in NR500NP and/or NR501NP; however, you may choose a different area if you wish.

Select an issue in nurse practitioner (NP) practice that is of interest to you and in which you would like to see a practice change occur. Conduct a review of literature to see what is currently known about the topic. In 1-2 paragraphs, describe the scope and relevance of the issue and your recommended change. Provide reference support from at least two outside scholarly sources to support your ideas.

Answer:

The area of interest I've selected to discuss as a topic that should be important to APRN's is the issue of behavioral health, specifically the treatment of ADHD in children and adolescents. The issue of behavioral health is very personal to me, since I have a child that has ADHD, who has been stigmatized in the past from educators, friends and family member not being able to recognize the signs, symptoms and behaviors associated with the disorder. ADHD itself is a neurodevelopmental disorder classified by observations of certain behavioral symptoms, such as inattentiveness, impulsivity, and lack of awareness (Drechsler et., al, 2020). The main issue with