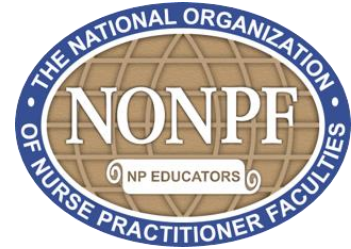


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**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONER FACULTIES HOSTS:  
*THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE SUMMIT***

**WASHINGTON, DC** - The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF), a leader in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) movement since the early 2000s, hosted a highly successful DNP Summit on December 18, 2017 in Washington D.C. Thirty-eight nurse practitioner (NP) stakeholders from across the nation gathered to have a critical dialog on moving all entry-level NP education to the DNP degree by 2025. Leaders represented nearly 20 practice, licensure, accreditation, certification, and educational organizations. Much of the discussion focused on preparation of the clinician for the future.

“NPs have been providing safe, high quality, cost effective, coordinated, and comprehensive patient care, grounded in evidence-based practice for over 50 years,” remarked Anne Thomas, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP, FAANP, President of NONPF. As the health care delivery system has grown increasingly complex, the role has evolved. The DNP degree is reflective of the rigorous education that NPs receive to be clinicians and leaders in the delivery of health care. Over 300 U.S. schools of nursing offer a DNP program.

“This is a historical moment in the evolution of the DNP as entry into nurse practitioner practice,” stated Mary Beth Bigley, DrPH, APRN, FAAN, CEO of NONPF. Leaders from NONPF and the multiple nursing organizations attending the Summit discussed creating a blueprint for success to require the DNP degree as entry-level for the NP role. Leaders strategized on how to build on collective strengths and addressed barriers to implementation. A solution-oriented discussion resulted in action items and a transition timeline.

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The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) is the leader in quality nurse practitioner education and devoted to promoting high quality nurse practitioner (NP) education at the national and international levels. We welcome you to explore our many resources such as the DNP curriculum templates and preceptor resource portal. If you are not already a member, become a member of NONPF and join us April 2018 at the [44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#) in Indianapolis, IN, <http://www.nonpf.org/>. For more information contact NONPF at [nonpf@nonpf.org](mailto:nonpf@nonpf.org).