

**Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Educators  
Doctorate in Nursing Practice Task Force  
Interim Report  
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The Taskforce continued to work during the summer of 2006 to support the implementation of the DNP in Texas with the following activities:

- July 2006 Sub-Taskforce members had DNP conference call with the entire committee and representatives from Universities who are actively planning to offer a DNP program to discuss suggestions/strategies regarding future DNP implementation in Texas:
  - Universities with CNS programs discussed various issues related to the DNP and the CNS. It was decided that a sub-committee should be formed to handle this issue. Kathleen Baldwin (TCU) agreed to serve as chair. The group has met by conference call.
  - Universities with NP programs discussed various issues related to the DNP and a subcommittee was formed to address regional issues. What areas had NP's and what areas needed access to the DNP were to be discussed by the group by conference call over the summer.
  - Universities with CRNA programs were to monitor the progress at the national level to define the outcomes of the CRNA once educated at the DNP level.
  
- The Texas DNP Roadmap Taskforce continues to address issues raised by medicine related to "scope of practice" during initial approval of UTHSC-Houston DNP program. This is also being addressed at the national level by AACN. The taskforce will continue to monitor any new developments in this area. A new consumer group has been formed to rebut the statements made by the AMA and TMA.
  
- The Texas DNP Roadmap Taskforce will continue to support individual universities as DNP program proposals are considered by the THECB, building upon relationships established during UTHSC-Houston process.
  
- The Texas DNP Roadmap Taskforce will meet in fall 2006 in collaboration with Texas Dean's and Director's meeting.
  
- The Texas DNP Roadmap Taskforce will continue to monitor implementation of the DNP throughout fall 2006 and spring 2007.
  
- The Texas DNP Roadmap Taskforce will reassess strategies Spring 2007 and possibly dissolve if progress toward implementation of the DNP is considered sufficient.

**Texas Roadmap for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Taskforce  
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