Guide to creating PROJECT Presentation

- **OBTAIN INITIAL PROJECT APPROVAL:**

1. Contact unit manager for written endorsement verifying candidate meets CN III eligibility requirements and proposed project topic is acceptable
2. Identify a mentor appropriate to the project who will serve as a resource throughout the project
   a. The following is a list of possible mentors:
      - CNS
      - Clinical Nurse Educator
      - Quality & Safety Champion
      - Unit Based Practice Council – Chair or Co-chair
      - Physician
      - AN II
      - Analyst
      - Professor or Faculty Member of a Nursing Program

   The mentor will verify manager endorsement of the project prior to the start of the project.

3. The CN III Candidate Project Cover Sheet

- **CRITERIA FOR PROJECT APPROVAL:**

1. Project should support an organizational goal such as patient satisfaction, quality care, or resource management. Project must attempt to add value to the unit of origin. (Consider projects that add value to the unit of origin. (Consider projects that add value and advance UC Davis Med Center's 5-year strategic nursing goals.)
2. If the project originates from a committee, you must document accordingly. If serving on a committee, demonstrate your leadership by including a copy of the meeting minutes, attendance records, and your personal contributions. Meaningful participation and contributions beyond committee membership must be documented.
3. Projects must have a plan for measurable outcomes with pre and post data.
4. Submit a minimum of 2 relevant evidence base, per reviewed articles.

- **DEVELOP PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL:**

1. Collaborate with Mentor to:
   a. Design/Plan project presentation (utilize UC Davis Institutional graphic standards i.e. ppt; UCD logo):
      https://health.ucdavis.edu/graphicstandards/faqs/index.html
   b. Presentation to include:
      - **Title of Project** – Succinct, descriptive title of project
      - **Background** – Explain the current clinical situation and identify the specific topic of concern or opportunity for improvement. Explain how the need for this project came to your attention (direct observation, concerns brought to a Unit Based Hospital Wide or Professional Council Meeting, literature review, etc.) Explain in detail what the objective of the project is and why it is important.
      - **Goal of Project** – Explain how your efforts will add value or improve upon unit operations or patient experience.

- **Methodology** (if applicable) –
  - Quantitative Research: Measures or assigns numbers to concepts or variables and attempts to explain their relationship to particular objects, events, people, or ideas. This type of research involves variables and empirical data.
  - Qualitative Research: Attempts to find a relationship between ideas, behaviors, and communication. Great consideration is given to the subjectivity of the human experience when compiling and analyzing data.
  - Triangulation Research: Uses both Quantitative and Qualitative methodologies in attempts to gain greater understanding of the topic in question.
  (Johnson & Webber, 2010)
- **Criteria evaluated** (if applicable) – Clearly identify which benchmark, standard, or performance indicator you are attempting to improve upon. Criteria is used to measure progress towards stated objectives.
- **Hypothesis** (if applicable) – A Hypothesis is a proposed explanation for the relationship between 2 or more variables among a particular population. Often used as the basis of a quantitative research question.
- **Timeline** – Provide an outline of all steps taken to complete this project.
- **Measurable outcomes** – Projects must have overall outcome(s) identified with a clear method in which to measure these outcomes. Pre and Post data required. Post data should have **3 data points**.
  "What measurements did you use or plan to use to show a difference?"
  NOTE: Different projects will lend themselves to different measurements.
  Examples include:
  - Knowledge assessment (test) completed before and after the implementation of the project, comparison of staff or patient satisfaction, etc.
  - Medication error reduction, increase in error reporting
  - Documented use of newly developed teaching plan or 100% of the charts have a teaching plan in place
  - Give examples
- **Project summary page** (also to be included in the complete portfolio) – a brief description outlining why the project was chosen (what specifically led you to identify this as your CN III project?) including:
  - Objectives (what do you hope to achieve when the project is competed? What system our care process will be improved?)
  - Target audience (patients, staff, community)
  - Implementation steps (use a timeline to outline all actions taken to complete the project)
- **Project Evaluation** – How do you know the project was successful? If the project was not successful, what were the barriers to success?
- **References** – Document a Literature review of peer reviewed journals to support the rationale for the project.
  Submit Evidence Based, peer reviewed references:
  - Clarke, S. (2010). Introduction to Research. In Johnson, B. & Webber, P. (Eds.) *An Introduction to Theory and Reasoning in Nursing (3rd ed.)(pp. 217-249). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluer. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins*
- **INSERT CN III Candidate Project Cover Sheet**