POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE DNP-PREPARED NURSE

As a current and future advanced practice nurse, you are and will continue to serve as an agent of change in all you do. Think about the positive impacts you have on patient care, the organization and nursing practice in which you work, and the community in which you serve. How will earning the DNP degree not only support your advocacy for positive social change but, in its own right, represent a commitment toward fostering innovation for change in nursing practice?

For this Discussion, review the Learning Resources and reflect on how you, as a current and future advanced practice nurse, will strive for and commit to advocacy for positive social change. Consider how your current nursing practice experiences and future opportunities will further support your role as an agent of change.

RESOURCES

Be sure to review the Learning Resources before completing this activity.  
Click the weekly resources link to access the resources.

[**WEEKLY RESOURCES**](https://waldenu.instructure.com/courses/57260/modules/items/1368666)

* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021). [*Social determinants of health: Know what affects health*.Links to an external site.](https://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/index.htm) https://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/index.htm
* Read, C. Y., Pino Betancourt, D. M., & Morrison, C. (2016). [Social change: A framework for inclusive leadership: Development in nursing education.Links to an external site.](https://search.proquest.com/docview/1792518993?accountid=14872) *Journal of Nursing Education*,*55*(3), 164–167. https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20160216-08
* Walden University. (2022).[Social determinants of health: Understanding vision health equity.Links to an external site.](https://www.waldenu.edu/online-masters-programs/master-of-science-in-nursing/resource/social-determinants-of-health-understanding-vision-health-equity) https://www.waldenu.edu/online-masters-programs/master-of-science-in-nursing/resource/social-determinants-of-health-understanding-vision-health-equity

TO PREPARE:

* Review the Learning Resources and reflect on your personal and professional commitment to advocacy for patients, communities, and the profession.
* Think about how your role as a DNP-prepared nurse contributes to advocacy for positive social change and the social determinants of health.

**Post** an explanation of how you anticipate enacting personal and professional commitment for advocacy to positively impact your patients, communities, and the profession. Be specific. Then, explain how your role as a DNP-prepared nurse contributes to advocacy for positive social change.