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Online Education: Meeting the Needs of the Student

Missouri State University-West Plains Accelerated LPN to RN Bridge Program

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Online Education: Meeting the Needs of the Student Measurable Learning Outcome & Learning Objectives

Learning Outcome:

Upon completion of the presentation, participants will be able to explain the key considerations and challenges when creating a student centered online Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (RN) program.

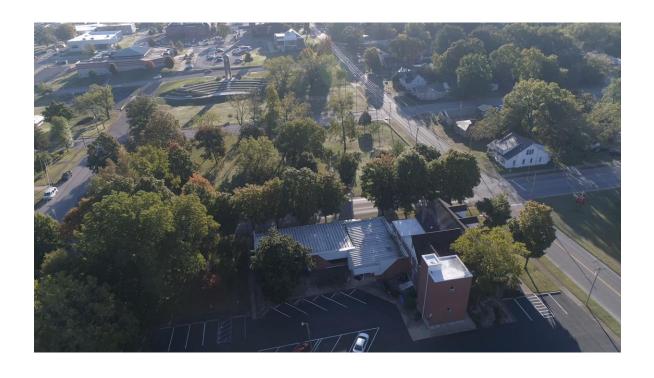
Learning Objectives:

- 1. Identify some of the challenges of the LPN-to-RN student.
- 2. Discover how to make didactic learning and assessment more adaptable to the online student while still maintaining high rigor and quality.
- 3. Discuss the clinical experience in an online program.
- 4. Describe new methodologies for evaluating the online student.



A Little Background...







Prior to Our Curricular Change

- Annual Graduation
- 35 regular track students
- 10 LPN-RN students



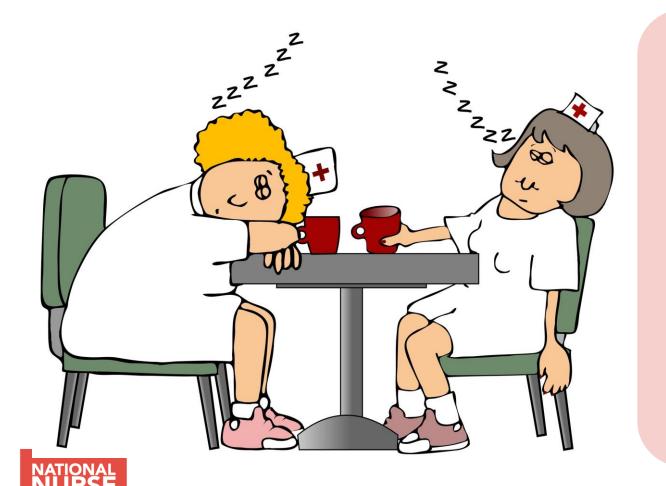


Why Change?





Challenges Faced





Working Full-Time



Going to School

- Insufficient time to study
- Too tired
- Excessive absences

Accelerated LPN to RN Design



Program Expansion

From 90 to 135 students

Graduating students twice a year

Began the LPN-RN bridge program

15 seated LPNs

15 online LPNs





Accelerated LPN to RN Program Design

8 week and 16-week courses to ensure students could complete with in 1 year.

Associate of Science in Nursing Curriculum - LPN-to-RN Track				
Semester 1	Credit Hours			
NUR 190 Transitions for the LPN-to-RN	3			
NUR 201 Nursing Care Across the Life Span	3			
NUR 212 Nursing Care Across the Life Span	9			
Semester 2	Credit Hours			
NUR 202 Pharmacology	3			
NUR 204 Adult Medical - Surgical Nursing II	9			
NUR 220 Current Trends and Issues in Nursing				
(capstone course)	3			
Credit Breakdown (65 hours for the ASN):	Credit Hours			
Prerequisite Courses	11			
General Education Courses	9			
Advanced Placement Nursing Credit	15			
Nursing Courses	<u>30</u>			
Degree Total:	65			



Classroom Instruction

High Quality Instruction on the Students' Schedule



Course Design & Calendar

"Content" posted to mimic a "seated" course

Not mandatory these dates, just to help pace

Weekly Anchor Dates – Mondays at 11:59pm

Release folder usually Thursday/Friday before (Start of Week Tuesday)

Allows flexibility with:

Family/life schedule

Those working "weekends" have Monday to tie up loose ends

February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Unit 3: Integument	3	4
5 Week 3	Due: 1. RN 3.0: MS – Dermatological 2. RN 3.0: MS – Musculoskeletal 3. Dosage Calc: Oral Meds 4. Dosage Calc: Dose by Weight 5. DC: Powdered Meds 6. EXAM TWO (Units 2 & 3)	6 7 Unit 4: Dosage Calculation; & Evidence Based Practice	8	9 Unit 5: Fluid Volume, IV Fluids/pushes, & Venous Access Devices	10	11
12 Week 4	Due: 1. Dosage Calc: Injectable Meds 2. Dosage Calc: Parenteral (IV) Meds 3. Dosage Calc: Safe Dose 4. EXAM THREE (Units 4 & 5)	13 14 Unit 6: Electrolytes	15	16 Unit 6: Electrolytes	17	18
19 Week 5	Due 1. Think Cultural Modules 2. Targeted Practice: Immune 3. Targeted Practice: F & E 4. EXAM FOUR (Unit 6)	20 21 Unit 7: Endocrine	22	23 Unit 7: Endocrine	24	25
26 Week 6	Due 1. Fund Practice <u>A</u> Assessment 2. RN 3.0: MS – Endocrine 3. EXAM FIVE (Unit 7)	27 28 Unit 8: Diabetes				

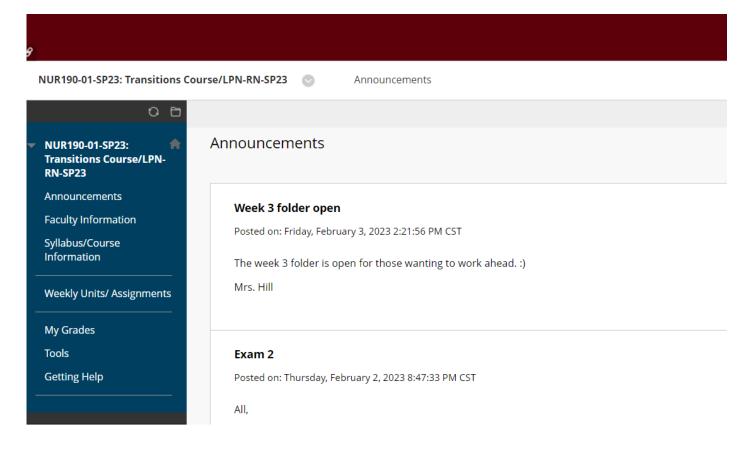


Learning Management System (LMS) – Set Up

EASY TO USE FORMATTING

Format is CONSISTENT from Instructor to Instructor

Four Main tabs –
Announcements
Faculty Info
Syllabus/Course Info
Weekly Units Assignments





Weekly Units/Assignments



Folders broken apart by Week/Date



Each Week's folder contains:

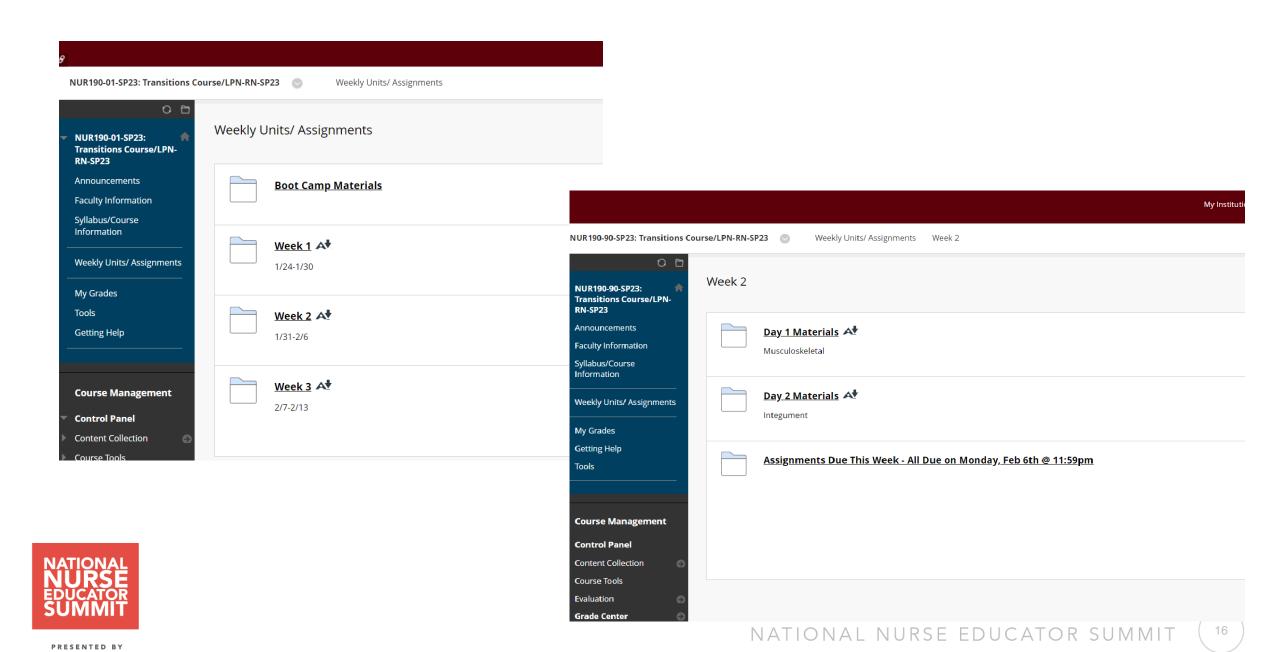
Day 1 Materials folder

Day 2 Materials folder

Assignments Due This Week Folder

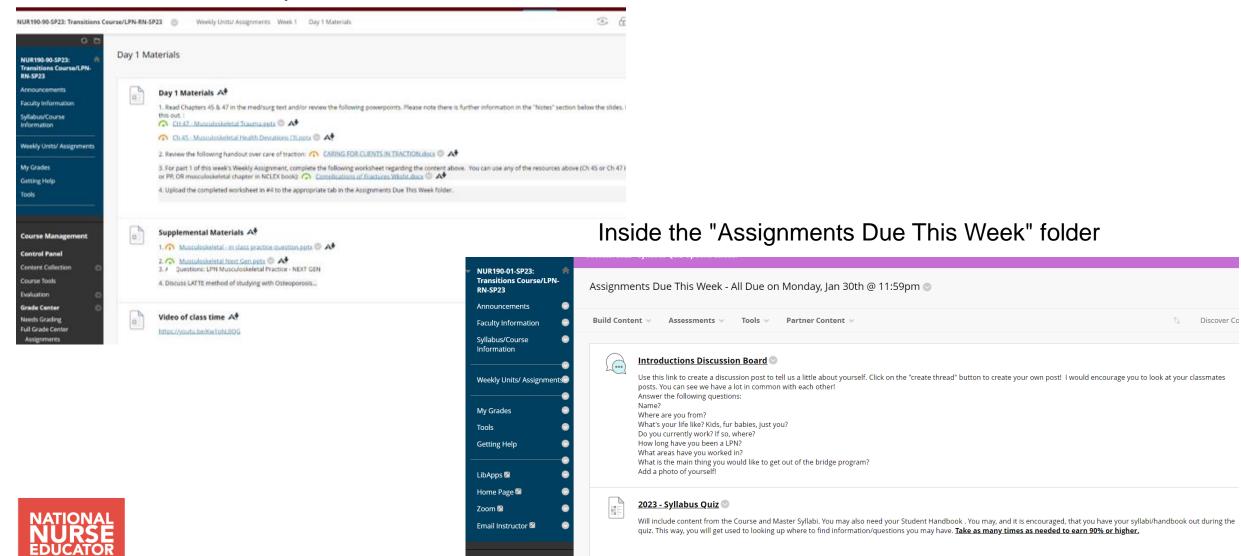
• Each Assignment has DETAILED instructions from the syllabus





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Inside the "Day 1 Materials" Folder



Frequent Communication & Instructions

Starting Week Email

Explains how LMS course is set up/where to find things

Weekly Emails with Instructions

- Basic Template with changing dates, assignments, etc
- Reassures the student
- Students feel like they are getting "communication" and "interaction"
- Consdering trying "recorded" weekly emails...



The following are the instructions for Week 6 of class.

Also, please don't forget to keep your instructors posted as situations arise if something comes up to where you are taken away from class. We will do everything we can to work with you!:)

Week 6 (9/27 - 10/3) - What should I be doing?

In Blackboard NUR 204 Course, see "Weekly Units/Course Content" tab -> "Week 6" Folder.

Day 1 Folder:

Open the folder to view/complete the materials (assigned reading, activity, etc) as explained in that day's folder. Remember, any supplemental materials listed (practice problems/questions, case studies, etc) are NOT to be turned in for a grade. They are there to help you "apply" the information learned in readings/videos/etc. Don't forget, the In Class Video will be added after class time Tuesday/Thursday.

Day 2 Folder:

Open the folder to view/complete the materials (assigned reading, activity, etc) as explained in that day's folder. Remember, any supplemental materials listed (practice problems/questions, case studies, etc) are NOT to be turned in for a grade. They are there to help you "apply" the information learned in readings/videos/etc. Don't forget, the In Class Video will be added after class time Tuesday/Thursday.

Assignments Due This Week Folder:

Open the folder to view any assignments or exams due this week. More info can be found in the "Assignments Due This Week" Folder. Don't forget to reference the course syllabus and course calendar too. All items this week are due on Monday, Sept 19th @ 11:59pm. Things due this week include:

- 1. Weekly Assignment Part 1: NCLEX RN Style questions over Critical Respiratory Day 2
- 2. ATI RN 3.0 Assignment-Respiratory
- 3. EXAM THREE:
 - Exam 3 will be over the content from Units 8-9 (Respiratory and Critical Respiratory). (<u>Unit 10: ABGs will be on Exam FOUR!</u>) There will be approximately 43 questions worth 2 points each; you will have an average of 2 minutes per question (approx 86 minutes total) to complete the exam. The exam will be split fairly evenly throughout the days on the calendar.
 - Exam will be taken using **Respondus Lockdown Browser with a webcam**. When beginning the exam, you will be prompted to show your surroundings. Also, you may have scrap paper, a writing utensil, and a calculator. Please be sure to show **both** sides of the paper(s) to the camera when showing your environment. I will also enable the calculator on the toolbar if you would prefer to use it.
 - The exam window will **open on Friday, Sept 30th @ 00:01am** and **close on Monday, Oct 3rd @ 11:59pm**. Please complete the exam within this window. The Exam Policy will be utilized if the exam is not completed in this time frame. If you have any technical trouble with the exam, please send me an email, and I will work to correct the problem asap. Please don't panic if something does go wrong. We will get it sorted out. On that same note, don't wait till the last minute to start.:)
- 1. Weekly Assignment Part 2: ABG Charts

Hopefully this is helpful in guiding you throughout the week's material. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions, concerns, or need clarification!! I will be checking email frequently, and if email isn't enough to come up with a solution, we will figure something else out (ex: in person, zoom, or other face to face tech).



Actually Delivering the Content

Daily Materials

• Traditional "Lecture" materials, reading, etc

Weekly Assignment

- Comparable to the class entry of seated group
- Helps them focus on the "lecture" content in Daily Materials to prepare for application during "class time"

Supplemental Materials

- Think Flipped Classroom Application, critical thinking activities
- They do NOT have to complete for points



Content Delivery – Getting in that actual class time...

Recording of class time that is posted online

Keeps "connection" with students

They can see the MODELING OF CRITICAL THINKING!

Example as seen in video

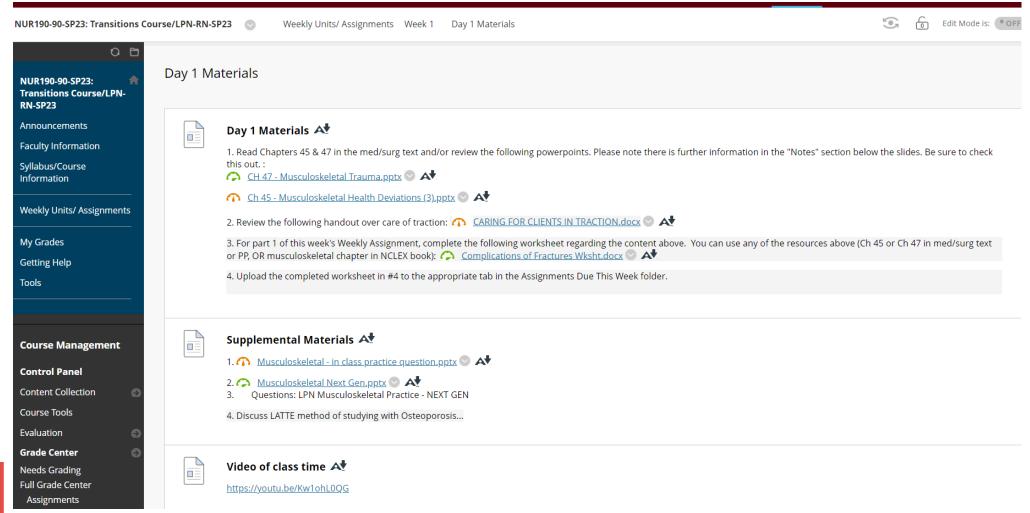
Repercussions?

Ways to avoid them...





Example of Content Delivery





Technology to get the "Classroom" to the Online Student

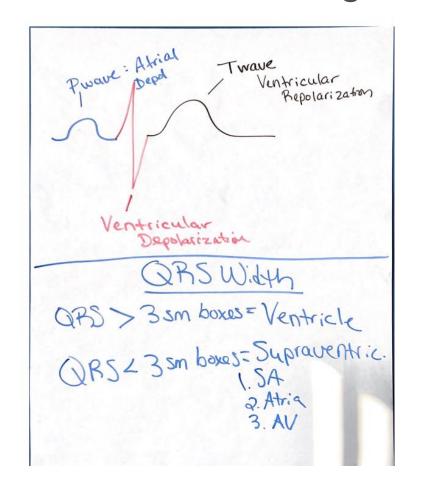
Cameras for class time recordings
Used to borrow camera from library!

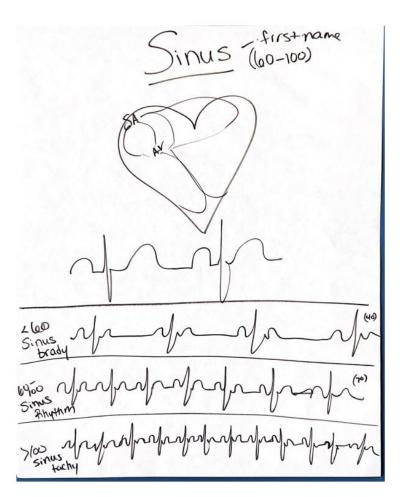
Apps on phone to turn notes/drawings on paper to pdfs

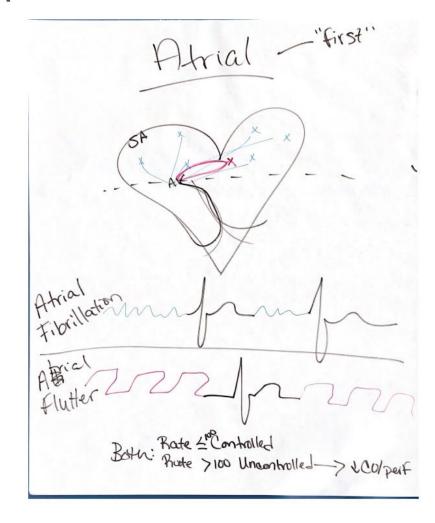
Technology to turn writing on large white board (ex: Concept map, etc) into digital image



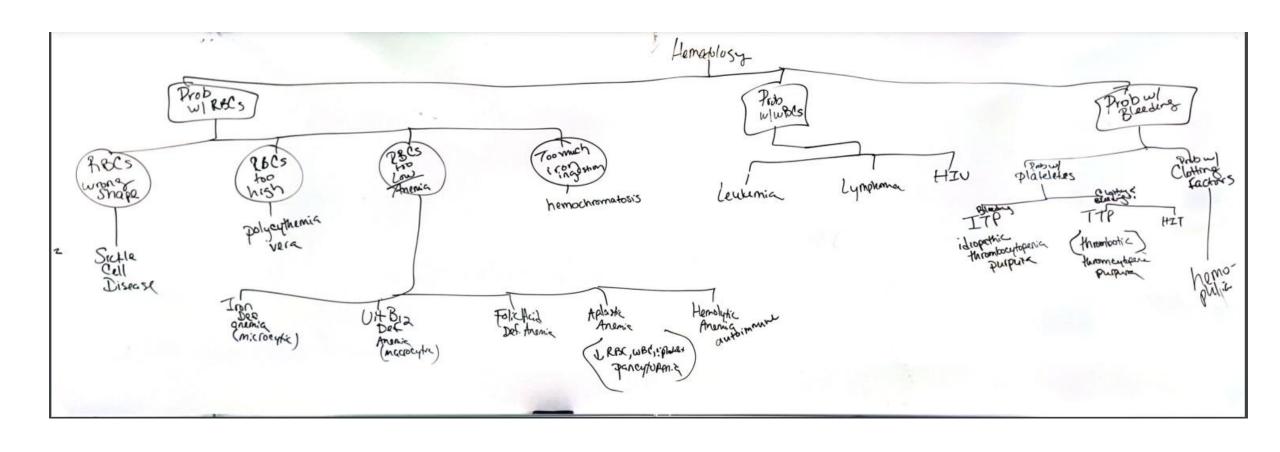
Conversion of large sticky notes to PDF with phone app











Long white board into digital image



Testing via LMS with a Webcam

Three to Four Day Window

Use a white board/dry erase marker; Show blank at beginning/end Students do not see exam Exam score until instructor has reviewed Students never see exam questions again – Get "Topics to Review" Worried about cheating?

They tell you when things happen...

Exam average within 3% when comparing a group's testing environment



Providing Assistance to the Struggling Student

Exam Success Policy

OnlineTutoring/Study Sessions

Intrusive Remediation and Advising

Connect with Services on Campus



Clinical Apprenticeship

Precepted Clinical Time



Clinical Experience



RN Preceptorships

Clinical requests
Clinical contracts and affiliations
Securing the preceptor

- Preceptor agreements
- Preceptor Training Module

Self-Scheduled RN Preceptorship



Onboarding

Orientation

EMR Training

Clinical Requirements



Challenges

Finalizing Clinical Contracts
Preceptor availability
Adequate faculty members
Time for Clinical Advising
Ensuring Evaluation of the sudent



Clinical Advisors



Each student is assigned a faculty member as a clinical advisor



Students must schedule with the clinical advisor to review and discuss CET within 7 days of completed time frame (updating to scheduled group times similar to post conference)



Clinical advisor must also contact preceptors and review daily skills evaluation from preceptor



Each advisor now has 2-4 students for online cohort



Seated cohort meets as a group on campus with an advisory every 2 weeks (changed to ensure students will complete hours in timely manner)



students will complete hours in timely manner)



Clinical Evaluation



Preceptor Feedback

Likert scale rating clinical performance areas



Student Self Evaluation

Clinical Performace Tool Final Clinical Evaluation



Clinical Advisor Evaluation

Review of Clinical Evaluation Tools and additional clinical paperwork Feedback from RN preceptor



Evaluating the Student



Bootcamp (Orientation) Week

Students are brought in the week prior to courses starting to review classroom and clinical requirements.

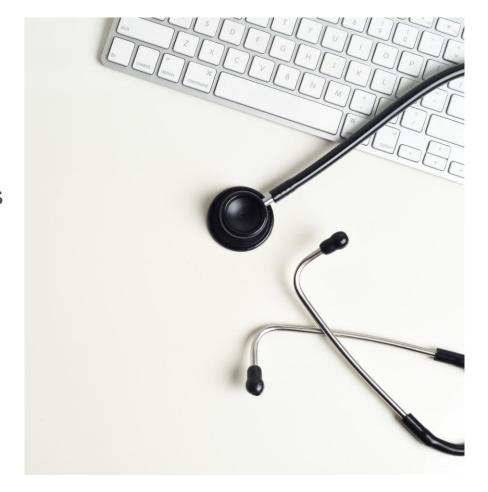
Lab work: skills, standardized testing programs, Simulation and virtual simulation to expose students and evaluate skill set

Students get introduced to clinical advisor and other faculty to make them feel more comfortable and put a face to the instructor especially in the online track



Clinical Evaluation Tools

- This concept is adapted from Dr. Linda Caputi's paper on "Focus on Thinking" and Merced College course information.
- Clinical Evaluation tools are utilized to demonstrate clinical judgment by the student.
- One –two tools are utilized for every 24 hours of completed clinical time
- Tools are mapped throughout the course to address learning outcomes and NCLEX-RN categories
- Students must also complete 5 medication sheets, face sheet, pathophysiology concept map and planning table for each tool.





Clinical Evaluation Tools Time Table

Clinical hours completed:	Tool:	Objective:	Next Gen concept application:	Clinical Progression
1-24 hours	CET 1	OB #3	Recognizing cues	Form Hypothesis
25-48 hours	CET 2 & 3	OB #5 & OB #6	Analyze cues	Form Hypothesis
49-72 hours	CET 4	OB #7	Prioritizing cues	Refine Hypothesis
73-96 hours	CET 5 & 6	OB #1 & OB #2	Generate Solutions	Refine Hypothesis
97-120 hours	CET 7	OB #4	Take Action	Evaluate
121-132 hours	CET 8	OB # 8	Evaluate Outcomes	Evaluate



CET Example

Clinical Evaluation Tool # 5 NCLEX-RN Test Plan: Manager of Care				
Course Learning Outcome 1: Provide and direct nursing care that enhances the care delivery setting to protect the client and health care personnel. (NCLEX Test Plan: Manager of Care) (P.L.O. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10) (Gen Ed: 1, 2, 5)				
Answer the following:				
Patient Needs:				
What Goals are needed for this patient?				
Short term goals:				
Long term goals:				
If you were the charge nurse today, and you had an LPN and UAP, what would you delegate, as far as care for your patient?				
Delegate to RN?				
Delegate to LPN?				
Delegate to UAP?				
What type of medical team collaboration needs to take place in the facility for your patient? Who needs to be involved? (specialists, physical therapy, etc) What type of medical team collaboration needs to take place after discharge?				
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What dept collaboration needs to take place for care of this patient? (Labs, dietary, etc)				

Rubric for NCLEX-RN Test Plan: Manager of Care

Performance Criteria	S	NI	U
Able to properly identify and delegate tasks	Identifies proper delegation and role of each member.	Mostly identifies proper delegation	Does not understand roles or can properly delegate
Able to analyze care from a team approach	e to analyze care from Able to see "big picture"		Not able to collaborate care for patient

The Results

2020-present



Having the flexibility of online and self-scheduled clinical rotations allows working nurses to continue to work and obtain RN licensure.

Applicants for the online program are soaring (80 applicants for 30 spots-15 seated/15 online for the Spring 2023 cohort)

Able to meet students where needed

Pass rates promising-though COVID effects have changed outcomes so we are mapping our standardized testing curriculum program throughout the courses and having all faculty practice same content to improve pass rates

Implemented testing success policy to meet with students early to catch anyone that is struggling

Continuing to develop CETs that will encourage more clinical judgment and follow the NEXT GEN Model



Still in Progress...

• High student satisfaction scores, high employer and preceptor satisfaction, positive program outcomes, increased application numbers in a time of low enrollments nationwide. Lower than previous incidents of academic dishonesty, increased diligence to homework and assignment completions, increased clinical reasoning and lower time needed for hospital onboarding post graduation.



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