

MyNursingLab

A SUCCESS STORY

NSG 3123 Community Health Nursing (Theory)

CREDIT HOURS: 36 credit hours

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“It helps me **evaluate** learning, understanding and **needs**. I could re-visit this website before exams for review, which I think has been very **helpful** and valuable.”

– Student

COURSE INFO:

I use MyNursingLab with Stamler and Yiu, *Community Health Nursing: A Canadian Perspective*, in NSG 3123 Community Health Nursing (Theory), a traditional course with 36 credit hours.

ASSESSMENTS

The course has two tests, a paper assignment, online assignments through MyNursingLab, and a final cumulative exam worth 45% of the student's final grade.

IMPLEMENTATION:

I chose to use MyNursingLab to encourage students to read the text on a regular basis and to give them an opportunity to answer some exam-like questions, as the final comprises a large part of their overall mark for the course. Students were required to do five assignments in MyNursingLab over the course of the semester.

I used the calendar to post the assigned pre- and post-test for each chapter covered in the course. Some weeks I assigned matching definitions, but other times stuck with just the pre- and post-test, taking advantage of the flexible options. There was not a set pass mark for the assignments; they were either attempted or not, and each individually were worth 5%.

Getting students to use MyNursingLab was easy, as we began in the first class with a short presentation to introduce the technology. I then opened the MyNursingLab portal in each subsequent class and showed the various posted resources such as videos or matching questions; there were numerous opportunities to demonstrate the use of the tools on the site and show students how MyNursingLab integrated with the lecture material.

BENEFITS:

As a professor, I find that MyNursingLab is a very useful tool to get students engaged with the textbook. It allows me to see that students are doing the required readings, opens the door to conversations on any concepts that they struggle with, and makes it possible to give students a 5% incentive for doing the work without calling it “participation-only marks.” The students who regularly completed the MyNursingLab activities were much more prepared for class and were better able to participate in class discussions.

When it comes to student improvement, the results of using MyNursingLab have been tangible. The class average was higher this year, and for the students who did get the full 5% marks for doing MyNursingLab, their overall average was much higher than in the past. When students did not use MyNursingLab, their final grade was much lower and it was easy to see who had done the work required to master the content and pass the course.

The students could see the positive results of using the MyNursingLab resources over the course of the semester, especially the study plan and chapter quizzes; one student wrote that they had seen a 20% increase in their grade because they did each of the online chapter quizzes. Many expressed the ease of use and amount of information available to them through the technology, urging me to encourage next year’s students to make full use of all that MyNursingLab has to offer beyond what was required for the 5% mark because they found it so helpful to their own studies.

Overall, the students really enjoyed using the MyNursingLab tool and they felt it helped them get higher grades.

CONCLUSION:

MyNursingLab is a great tool to have as an instructor! It helped me to know who was truly trying to understand the course content and who was not really engaged in the learning process. The students were very satisfied with MyNursingLab, and their feedback was positive and enthusiastic.

- 86% of my students found it easy to register and get started with MyNursingLab.
- 92% found it easy to use and navigate the site.
- 60% of the students agree or strongly agree that MyNursingLab helped them achieve a higher grade.
- 88% of the students felt that regardless of whether they received a higher grade in the course, they felt that MyNursingLab helped them to better understand the subject matter.
- 86% of the students recommended that we use MyNursingLab again next year.

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