Institution Profile

**Overview:** Platt College’s primary mission is to offer a bachelor’s degree in nursing that provides students with competencies, skills, and levels of education for employment and continued success in higher education. It offers a fixed curriculum of studies leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 36 months, a degree that normally takes 48 months.

**Accreditations:** Platt College is an accredited member of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and is authorized by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The baccalaureate nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

**Success Rate:** The Colorado Board of Nursing reports that 61 Platt graduates took the NCLEX in 2014; 81.78% passed on the first examination attempt.

**Web site:** www.plattcolorado.edu

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**Highlights**

- Students are more confident going into their NCLEX because they already have taken many tests and quizzes with Lippincott PassPoint and are familiar with the course material and test-taking strategies.
- Senior students enrolled in the NCLEX preparation Capstone course at Platt College take tests and quizzes using Lippincott PassPoint to reinforce their knowledge base and test-taking skills and improve critical thinking.
- All students at Platt College use Lippincott PassPoint in their Capstone class.
- Lippincott PassPoint’s adaptive learning capabilities help make sure that students focus on areas where they need the most help.

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**CHALLENGES**

- Platt College was looking for a comprehensive, preparation resource for the NCLEX. The one it had been using was not meeting its needs or the needs of the students for multiple reasons, including the simplicity of its material. The college wanted a solution that would:
  - Challenge students with more difficult material so they are better prepared for the NCLEX.
  - Provide adaptive learning with quizzes available for content across the entire curriculum.
  - Offer simulated exams, so students build their endurance for what the real exam will be like.
  - Give unlimited exam experience, so students and faculty can trend their performance across time instead of through one single test taking experience
  - Provide evidence-based remediation, so students get exposure to content that practicing nurses are already using.

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**SOLUTION**

Lippincott PassPoint is a comprehensive solution that encompasses the needs that students are currently attempting to meet through many disparate resources. With Lippincott PassPoint, Platt College:

- Trains all students in the use of Lippincott PassPoint during a 45-minute session, and then has students take a five-question quiz so that they become familiar with how it works, and how to get additional material to help in their learning.
- Gives students four 75-question quizzes and two CAT NCLEX exams using Lippincott PassPoint during the course of a semester.
- Uses Lippincott PassPoint’s adaptive learning capabilities to make sure that students focus on areas where they need the most help.
- Has faculty create customized tests using Lippincott PassPoint so that students get extra work in areas that faculty members believe needs strengthening.

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**RESULTS**

Platt College has seen these results since deploying Lippincott PassPoint.

- NCLEX pass rates have improved in the time that Platt College has used Lippincott PassPoint, and in some semesters has reached 100%.
- Faculty create alternative format questions for tests in Lippincott PassPoint, better preparing them for the alternative format questions they will face on NCLEX tests.
- Faculty can more easily identify which students are at risk, not only in the classroom, but in clinical settings, based on their test results in Lippincott PassPoint.
- Many students continue to use Lippincott PassPoint even after they graduate and pass their NCLEX, in order to polish up their job skills.

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