Institution Profile

Overview: The Wilson School of Nursing is part of the Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, the only public liberal arts university in Texas. It offers undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees, and has a mission to prepare nurses to provide competent and compassionate health care to individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Accreditations: The Wilson School of Nursing is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). It is also approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

Web site: www.mwsu.edu/academics/hs2/nursing

Highlights

- Lippincott PassPoint became an integral part of the curriculum because both students and faculty were impressed with the way it enhanced the educational experience.
- With Lippincott PassPoint, faculty can more easily identify at-risk students and areas where students need more work, and can customize coursework for them.
- 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.
- Lippincott PassPoint has become one of the cores of the curriculum, with students taking many tests and quizzes to help improve knowledge and critical-thinking skills.

With Lippincott PassPoint, I can assess students’ strengths and weaknesses and link that to important concepts as a way to help them deepen their mastery of the material. It’s a great adjunct to our teaching. We expect that it will improve NCLEX scores.

-- Dr. Kathie Williamson, Associate Professor and Chair, Midwestern State University’s Wilson School of Nursing

CHALLENGES

The Wilson School of Nursing wanted to improve the pass rates its students achieved on the NCLEX, which were at approximately 80 percent. It was not satisfied with the resources its students had to prepare for the exam. The college wanted a solution that would:

- Offer a comprehensive, online, preparation resource for the NCLEX.
- Provide adaptive learning with quizzes available for content across the entire curriculum.
- Give unlimited exam experience, so students and faculty could trend their performance across time instead of through one single test-taking experience.
- Provide evidence-based remediation to expose students to content that practicing nurses are already using, and to help students understand how content knowledge begins to be applied in clinical scenarios.

SOLUTION

Lippincott PassPoint is a comprehensive solution that encompasses the needs that students were attempting to meet through many disparate resources. The Wilson School of Nursing:

- Uses Lippincott PassPoint for senior BSN students and has them answer up to 10,000 questions a semester.
- Integrates Lippincott PassPoint into the BSN Accelerated and Pre-Licensure Programs to better prepare students for the NCLEX.
- Uses Lippincott PassPoint in concert with Lippincott CoursePoint to provide a core part of the curriculum, beginning with basic instruction, and moving on to advanced classes and topics.
- Uses Lippincott PassPoint’s adaptive learning capabilities to help make sure that students focus on areas where they need the most help.

RESULTS

The Wilson School of Nursing has seen these results since deploying Lippincott PassPoint:

- Students report increased confidence about being ready for the NCLEX and feel more confident that they will attain passing grades in their courses.
- Students come to class better prepared, are more engaged in learning, and participate in classes more frequently.
- Faculty can more easily identify which students are at risk based on their test results in Lippincott PassPoint.
- Students have gained a deeper understanding of their course material, and know better how it can be applied in real-life situations.
- Students take simulated exams, and build their endurance for what the real NCLEX will be like.
- Students can better apply their learning to real-world experiences.