

Customer Snapshot

McHenry County College

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Institution Profile

Overview: McHenry County College provides credit and noncredit educational and training opportunities as well as special events for close to 60,000 participants annually. The college serves the seventh most rapidly growing county in Illinois and offers six associate degrees and 17 Associate of Applied Science degrees. It has an Associate Degree in Nursing program as well as a Basic Nurse Assistant Training Certificate and an LPN-to-RN Bridge Program.

Accreditations: The Associate Degree in Nursing program is approved by the Illinois Board of Nursing and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The program is also approved by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), the Board of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Illinois Office of Education and the U.S. Office of Education.

Faculty: Five | **Web site:** www.mchenry.edu



“With CoursePoint, students come to class far better prepared than previously. They now read all the course material, participate in class discussions, and ask more questions. They’re more engaged and their test scores have gone up. It’s a great tool for any nursing faculty.”

– Betsy Schnowske, nursing instructor at McHenry County College

Highlights

- Students are far more engaged in classes, frequently asking questions and participating in in-depth class discussions.
- Faculty can more easily track areas where students need help and reinforcement by using **CoursePoint’s** monitoring and assessment tools. This helps faculty focus in class on those topics students need the most help in.
- McHenry County College uses several other Wolters Kluwer products in addition to **CoursePoint**, including DocuCare and prepU, leading to a comprehensive solution for nursing education.
- Students read more course material than previously, and exhibit a greater mastery and deeper understanding of it.

CHALLENGES

McHenry County College wanted its nursing students to be as well prepared as possible for their classes. It was looking for a rich digital learning environment to drive course and curriculum success. It wanted a solution that would:

- Make sure that students are prepared by having read the material before coming to class.
- Make the most out of class time by ensuring that students are more engaged in the learning process and in class discussions.
- Offer a comprehensive library of authoritative and well-respected clinical and foundational content.
- Include interactive learning activities and engaging multimedia, comprised of animations, tutorials, videos, and activities.
- Provide evidence-based, real world practice resources to improve student competence, confidence, and success in transitioning to practice.

SOLUTION

Lippincott CoursePoint is a single destination for educators and students that integrates content in context to facilitate knowledge acquisition, assessment and remediation, and skills mastery. McHenry County College implemented **CoursePoint** in the following ways:

- Started off using it in fundamental classes, and will use it in other courses, based on the success it has had there.
- Requires that students answer 50 questions a week based on the chapters and units they are working on.
- Elevated the course learning experience and prepared students for practice by integrating clinical resources and the latest, evidence-based clinical reference and drug information.
- Enhanced classroom learning and engagement and provided ways to introduce more patient-centered and case-based activity.

RESULTS

McHenry County College has seen these results since deploying **CoursePoint**:

- After the use of **CoursePoint**, test scores improved by up to three percent compared to previous scores.
- Students come to class having already read the course material, and participate more in class discussions.
- Students report that **CoursePoint** helps guide their studying, in particular after seeing which of the assigned 50 weekly questions they answer incorrectly.
- **CoursePoint** has enhanced student engagement and participation.
- Students are better prepared for practice, and graduate with real-life, practical experience and confidence to help be successful on the job.
- Since the use of **CoursePoint**, students report that they are better prepared for class, and graduate with significantly improved skills and knowledge.