Cross Disciplinary Design for Teaching

Professional Communication
Academic Literacy
(PCAL) Support

School of Nursing and Midwifery

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Overview

• Context: Professional Communication Academic Literacy Support

• The Needs

• Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Approach

• Team Teaching and Pedagogy

• Blended Learning

• Future Directions

• Constraints
Context

6 Literacy Advisors
(4 fulltime and 2 part time)

3,884 Nursing and Midwifery U/P Students

4 Campuses

11,290 PCAL Support Consultations
(individual and group appointments, workshops and webinars)

*Data collected in the timeframe January 2016 – May 2017
Why is PCAL Support Important

Seven times more likely to successfully continue with their nursing studies.
The Needs

INTENSITY AND THE VOLUME OF STUDENT UPTAKE

FEEDBACK KEPT IN THIS CLOSED CIRCLE AND NEVER TAPPED INTO

TARGETING SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC LITERACY AREAS

RETHINK THE BLENDED LEARNING MODEL
Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Approach

1. Cross-disciplinary
2. Innovation
3. Conceptualisation
4. Collaborative

(Sharp, Dewar, & Barrie, 2016)
The AI Team

Rating: 95
Chemistry: 100

- Literacy Advisor
- Learning Designer
- Nursing Academic
- Librarian
- Curriculum Advisor
- Literacy Advisor
- Literacy Advisor
- Literacy Advisor
- Literacy Advisor
- Literacy Coordinator
PCAL Support
vUWS site

Technology
Enhanced
Literacy
Support
Collegial Approach
Benefits of Team Teaching for the PCAL Advisors
Team teaching approaches

- Participant-observer
- Interactive
- Rotational

(Crawford & Jenkims, 2017)
Participant/Observer Team Teaching on the Online Discussion Wall

123456 Student Name
Hi, in relation to the findings of inquest, if we mention it in our essay, how would we reference it? OR could I simply say “according to the findings of inquest”?

Thank you

2 comments

Anonymous 4mo
When you first mention the incident in your description you must reference the article because you are telling what happened, the event but if you are alluding to blood mismatching in general you do not need to cite it.

Literacy Advisor 1

789101 Student Name
how to write in text citation of registered nurse standard 1 for practise

1 comment

Anonymous 4mo
Dear Student Please refer to the ICite programme for support through the University Library on putting the Standard 1 into APA format as a web page. Regards

Literacy Advisor 2

1213145 Student Name
It says to analyse the impact this incident will have in nursing practice... By incident does it refer to the ABC news? What the will be its outcome? Or just a general incidents that could happen in the nursing practice?

1 comment

Anonymous 4mo
The question says “this critical incident”, which implies the incident in the ABC News article.

Literacy Advisor 3
Pedagogically Informed!
Learning and Teaching cycle (Rothery, 1994)

- **Independent Construction**: Independent knowledge construction (e.g., literacy skills applied to nursing assessments).
- **Deconstruction**: Building knowledge of the field (e.g., accessing multimedia learning resources including instructional videos and online presentations).
- **Joint Construction**: Synchronous discussion (e.g., modelling literacy skills through an embedded online discussion area and video conferencing).
Team Teaching Strategies

Blended Learning methods

Technology platform and applications

Adapted from Crawford & Jenkims, 2017: A working model – blended learning and team teaching framework
Development of vUWS site
Learning Maps
Development of TELS

Stage 1
- Developed learning videos
- Identifying target assessments
- Setting up the online learning environment

Stage 2
- Professional development for literacy advisors
- Developing tutor and student guidelines

Stage 3
- Collaborating with unit coordinators
- Piloting
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Timetables
Workshops
Skills Resource Workbook
Postgraduates
Academic Literacy
Academic Integrity
FAQ
Evaluation (pilot study)

300 Students

857 Students
Future directions

Vocal Clarity project

Integrate TELS into postgraduate units

Modelling language for case study essays - Learning Videos
Constraints

**Human resources**
Our team is relatively small

**Financial resources**
Funding needed for the PCAL-TELS collaborative discussion wall


