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Evaluation of the affective domain to assess changes in learning across four timed measurements

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While completing a senior level course emphasizing the importance of interprofessional communication among health care professionals, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students academic learning was assessed across four time periods.

1st Assessment: Pre-test regarding the role and function of 10 healthcare professionals (Advance Practice Nurses, Chaplains, Ethicists, Interpreters, Occupational & Physical Therapists, Pharmacists, Registered Dietitians, Respiratory Therapists, Social Workers, & Physicians).

Intervention 1: Six or seven students formed small groups and selected one of the ten health care professional. Students wrote a paper focusing the historical basis, education, training, legislative concerns, holistic specialization, and license/certification. Students presented the paper to the class prior to submitting it for a grade.

2nd Assessment:

Intervention 2: A guest speaker from each of the 10 professional disciplines visited the class and shared the scope of practice, unique contributions, working relationships with Registered Nurses, and holistic recommendations.

3rd Assessment:

Intervention 3: Students assumed the role of a Registered Nurse in an interprofessional simulation including the patient, family, and the 10 licensed professionals.

4th Assessment: In an educational intervention (Hilty Gill-Rocha, Ross, Hinze, & Clark, 2018; Hilty, Hinze, & Clark, 2018), the researchers found the Affective Domain Questionnaire (ADQ) consisted of three common factors with coefficient alpha reliability estimates ranging from .895 to .931.

Results: The first timed assessment measured changes in learning based on intervention 1. Using SPSS 25, the dependent t-test findings showed significant differences on the three ADQ common factors comparing data from Assessments 1 and 2 (questions evaluated term paper and class presentation). The second timed assessment measured changes in learning based on intervention 2. Significant differences were found comparing Assessments 1 and 3 (questions evaluated guest speaker presentations). The second timed assessment measured changes in learning based on intervention 3. Significant differences were found comparing Assessments 1 and 4.(questions evaluated the interprofessional simulation). All differences were significant at $p=.001$.

Biography

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