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Sabbatical Report
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I am happy to report that I accomplished my sabbatical goals and had a wonderful and enriching experience. During my time off I worked closely with the National League for Nursing (NLN) as planned and learned a great deal about NCLEX item writing. My original mentor stopped working at the NLN at the beginning of my sabbatical, but thankfully that did not inhibit my project. I quickly connected with the new Director of Assessment Services at the NLN and had a wonderful experience partnering with her on this project. I worked with the NLN Item Writing Committee to create and present two trainings for committee members. This included creating a digital resource manual for nurse educators (see attached). Because the presentations were so successful, I was then invited to expand the training and present at the national level for nurse educators on behalf of the NLN (see addendum below).

Because of the release time associated with my sabbatical, I was able to do much of this work while traveling. I took advantage of this opportunity and spent 1 month in Peru studying 4 hours a day at a Spanish language school. Though not technically part of my project, this was an opportunity for growth that I am so grateful I had. In addition to the professional and personal development associated with learning another language, while in Peru I volunteered at a community clinic to learn about a medical system outside the United States. It was a wonderful experience and gave me stories I am able to bring back to my classroom.

Overall, because of my sabbatical I feel rejuvenated, have grown as a nurse educator, and am more capable writing nursing exam questions. By working with nurse educators across the country, I have also contributed to the profession by helping develop the skills of other

educators. I have also been able to bring my enhanced skills back to my department. During professional development week I presented my sabbatical project at the Allied Health and Nursing Division Meeting. I have also worked with three other faculty on their exams in just the first few weeks of the semester. I am providing guidance and assistance as our department works on implementing this new style of testing and I plan on contributing more as time goes on. Our department is committed to updating our exams to the new NCLEX format and I look forward to being a continued resource for this process.

Addendum:

NLN National Webinar Flyer



NEXT-GEN Item-Writing Webinars

Join Sarah Babini MSN, RN
for an informative and
impactful experience as you
prepare for NGN!

UPCOMING 2022 WEBINARS

October 14 @ 11am - 12:30pm Eastern
November 18 @ 11am - 12:30pm Eastern
December 2 @ 11am - 12:30pm Eastern

PRICING

\$89 / person
Cost includes a 90-minute webinar with a digital
resource manual

CEUs AVAILABLE

Participants earn 1.5 CEU hours upon completion

HOW TO REGISTER

Register on the NLN Assessment Services Website:
<https://www.nln.org/assessment-services>
OR
Email Us @ assessment@nln.org

Learning Objectives for Nurse Educators

- Discuss the NCSBN's Clinical Judgement Measurement Model's 6 cognitive skills
- Recall the NLN item types used for stand-alone and unfolding case studies.
- Apply a simplified step-by-step process in developing NGN cases guided by the 6 cognitive skills.

What People are Saying

"This was a wonderful learning experience. I really appreciated the exemplars provided as well as the resources shared!"

"Excellent training. Presenter was very knowledgeable. Appreciate the slides and resource document".

About the Presenter



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