Engaging Pre-Nursing Students into an Awareness of Nursing as an Art Form: Using IPAD Technology

University Freshman are tomorrow’s nurses and to have well-rounded intelligent nurses it is often necessary to think outside of the box by providing higher level of thinking exercises to engage and provide learning opportunities which can set the tone for their nursing school experience.

Faculty at a Mid-Southern University developed an innovative way of using the IPAD when discussing Nursing as an Art. The freshman experience at the University divides students up into their major areas of study and these classes function as cohorts. The Pre-Nursing major’s classes were asked to visit two specific buildings on campus which house thirty-nine pieces of artwork. The students were asked to work with a partner and to pick out a piece of artwork of their own choice to discuss. The students then described the artwork and how they felt it related to the profession of nursing using their IPAD by developing a short video along with a still picture of their artwork using the IPAD. Students viewed the artwork and interacted with classmates in an online discussion board. Students responded favorable to the experience and found it to be very three dimensional by providing an opportunity to mix technology with art.