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What can nursing educators teach to help retention of bedside nursing?

There was a blog on Facebook recently called The Death of Bedside Nursing, and why it should matter to everyone. Nursing is the important contributor to safe, effective bedside care. The care delivery in bedside nursing is waning. Many nurses at the bedside are novice or advanced beginners at best. Much of experience in nursing has moved away from the bedside, seeking advanced degrees or less physically demanding positions. There are few older faces in the crowd surrounding emergency or ICU care. Total clinical nursing experience has a positive effect on patient outcomes in ICUs. A nurse's willingness to remain at a particular organization or in nursing all together should be a major concern to nurse educators. Nurse educator's focus a great deal on the ideal, but are nurse educators preparing nursing students for the real world of bedside nursing? Programs that have structures in place to empower student practice in learning and care delivery may develop a stronger nursing workforce.

Biography

Delia E Frederick has been a Nursing Educator since 2004. Although her typical research interests are related to cultural and ethnic groups in the United States who suffer from chronic diseases related to health care access, educational level, and socioeconomic disparities; a strong interest in empowering nurses to provide safe, effective bedside care in acute care settings by advancing knowledge and skill development during their generic educational experiences.

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