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Reflections on several years of online teaching

This presentation reflects on the shift from face to face teaching to online teaching at the college level, especially in colleges of Nursing and other health professions. The authors use the 10 Principles of Effective Online Teaching: Best Practices in Distance Education developed by Penn State's World Campus¹ and numerous other sources to evaluate their own practices and adjustment after over ten years of online teaching. The principles include: Show up and Teach, Practice Proactive Course Management Strategies, Establish Patterns of Activities, Plan for the Unplanned, Response Requested and Expected, Think Before You Write, Help Maintain Forward Progress, Safe and Secure, Quality Counts, and (Double) Click a Mile on My Connection. Informal data collection of comments from other higher education professors showed concerns about adaptations for online teaching. A recent change in learning management systems for one author validated and increased previous frustrations with learning new technology that seems more cumbersome and less adaptable. The presentation will close with recommendations for the authors' own improvement in designing courses for online learning, as well as suggestions for institutions that employ online faculty to teach courses designed by someone other than the instructor. This presentation could also be given as a workshop, with additional information and hands on examples.

Biography

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