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2009 Nurse Educator Conference and Annual Meeting



May 14-15, 2009

General Butler State Resort Park
Carrollton, Kentucky

Developing Trustworthy Classroom Exams

How confident do you feel about the decisions you make based on the results of your multiple-choice exams?

This workshop reviews the basic principles of assessment and presents guidelines for developing trustworthy multiple-choice classroom exams with the basic premise that good tests are made up of good test items.



The presentation demonstrates how to develop quality tests that have evidence of reliability and validity with the intent of motivating faculty to improve their classroom assessment program. The workshop is 'loaded' with tips for writing effective multiple-choice questions and offers dozens of

examples of 'good' items, 'bad' items, and how to write 'improved' items based on the presented guidelines. You will leave this presentation equipped with the information that you need to increase the trustworthiness of the results of your multiple-choice exams.

Mary McDonald has a unique combination of experience that contributes to her expertise as an Educational Assessment Consultant. She has Masters Degrees in both Nursing Education and Measurement in Applied Psychology, as well as more than 25 years of experience as a nurse educator at both the baccalaureate and associate degree levels.

Since 1994, Mary has been a Test Consultant at the National League for Nursing where she has been instrumental in the development of numerous standardized exams. Mary has her own consulting business, Educational Assessment Strategies LLC, where she works closely with schools of nursing to assist in improving curriculum design and developing plans for the systematic assessment of learning outcomes.

Mary is an expert in the development of classroom multiple-choice exams and is well known for her workshops and presentations on various aspects of test development, including writing multiple-choice items that assess critical thinking. Mary is the author of *The Nurse Educator's Guide to Assessing Learning Outcomes*, the second edition of the popular textbook, which is widely used by both novice and experienced nurse educators.

KLN 2009 NURSE EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW

Once again the Kentucky League for Nursing hosts its annual Nurse Educator Conference bringing the most current information in nursing education to you. This year's conference will show case the creativity of nurse educators across our state.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is designed for nursing faculty, clinical faculty, adjunct faculty, and those interested in nursing education.

LOCATION

The Conference will be held in the Conference Center at General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton, Kentucky.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference. For reservations, call the park directly at 866-462-8853 prior to April 13, 2009. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the KLN Conference to receive a special room rate. There is no charge for vehicle parking.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CONTACT HOURS

Bluegrass Community and Technical College (Provider No. 3-0019-01-13) will award 10 KBN approved nursing CE contact hours for the May 14-15, 2009 program. All sessions must be completed and evaluations submitted to receive CE credit. Kentucky Board of Nursing Continuing Education units are awarded based on length of course and successful completion. KBN approval of an individual nursing continuing education provider does not constitute endorsement of program content.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

8:30 AM - Registration and Continental Breakfast
9 AM- 12 PM - **DEVELOPING TRUSTWORTHY CLASSROOM EXAMS**

(Mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks)
 Assessment issues in nursing education

- Big Business
- Impact of assessment decisions
- Importance of NCLEX success
- Ideal classroom assessments

Keys to increased confidence in the results of classroom assessment

- Trustworthiness of measurement results
- Reliability & validity
- Importance of reliability and validity in classroom assessment
- Improving trustworthiness of inferences based on the results of exams

Characteristics of multiple-choice items that address the course blueprint

- General item writing guidelines
- Components of quality multiple-choice items
 - Stems
 - Style
 - Relevance

12 PM-1 PM Luncheon

1 PM – 4 PM

Developing items to assess higher cognitive levels

- Cognitive levels for item writing
- Critical thinking items
- NCLEX alternate forms

Value of item analysis data

- Difficulty
- Discrimination

Using item analysis data to improve items

Summary and Questions

Dinner on your own

7 - 8 PM - NETWORKING RECEPTION WITH REFRESHMENTS

- Poster Presentations

8 PM - KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE

8:45 PM - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE FOR NURSING

- Awards and Scholarships
- Elections

Friday, May 15, 2009

8:30-9:20 AM - CONCURRENT SESSION 1

• Are You Talking to Me?

Presenter: Brenda Willoughby, MS, BSN, RN

• Barriers to Mentoring Among Nurse Educators

Presenters: Bridget Roberts, MSN, RN-BC, & Brenda Foley, MSN, MA, RN

• Enhancing Learning with Technology: Nursing Lectures, Clinicals, and Labs (2 sessions)

Presenter: Jacqueline S. Graves, MSN, RN

9:30 – 10:20 AM – CONCURRENT SESSION 2

• Cheating - Don't Kid Yourself; It's Happening at Your School!

Presenter: Patricia Spurr, Ed.D., MSN, CNE

• Enhancing Learning with Technology: Nursing Lectures, Clinicals, and Labs (continued from Session 1)

Presenter: Jacqueline S. Graves, MSN, RN

• Mobbing in the Workplace

Presenter: Lenora DeBord, MSN, RN

10:30-11:20 AM – CONCURRENT SESSION 3

• Enhancing a Modularized Nursing Curriculum with Interactive Technology via Teaching/Learning Strategies for Knowledge, Application, Analysis, and Retention

Presenters: Mary Kulp, MSN, RN, & Denise Payton, BSN, RN

• How Can We Prepare Nursing Students to Become Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses?

Presenters: Connie Hubbard, MSN, CNS, & Leandra Price, DNP, CNS

• The In's and Out's of NCLEX and Licensure in Kentucky

Presenter: Joyce Bonick, JD, RN

11:30 AM-12 PM - Conference Wrap-Up & Evaluations

Registration Form

Type of Registration	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> KLN Members	\$ 70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> KY Employed Educators & KY Graduate Students (includes membership to KLN)	\$ 95.00
<input type="checkbox"/> All others and registration at the door	\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Registration (prior to March 1, 2009) subtract \$10.00	-\$10.00
Total	\$ _____

Name

Address

Employer

Email

Phone

Please make checks payable to the **Kentucky League for Nursing**. The conference registration fee covers materials, continuing education credit, refreshments, and May 14, 2009 luncheon. KLN reserves the right to cancel or alter the program if unanticipated circumstances necessitate change.

Refund Policy

Refunds, less a processing fee of \$20, will be issued for cancellations prior to April 30, 2009. Substitutions for paid registrants will be accepted at the door.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The registration form with payment must be returned to the KLN office by April 30, 2009. No registration can be accepted without accompanying payment.

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