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# Expectations vs. Reality

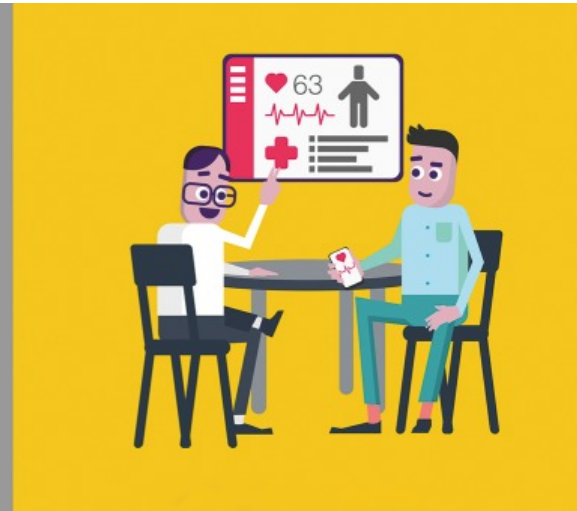
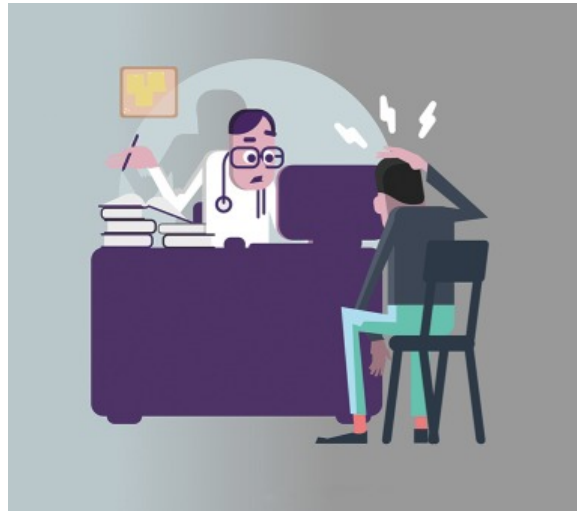
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# Digital Literacy

The ability to leverage  
technology to:

- Create new knowledge to complement critical thinking, complex problem solving, and social intelligence to solve the new challenges in education and practice

# The New Status Quo



## Traditional Health Care

Point-of-care is the clinic or lab

Based on populations

Hierarchy

Prescriptions and orders

Data owned by institutions

Individual experience dominates

Physicians as authority

Ivory tower

Expensive

## Modern Health Care

Point-of-care is the patient

Based on the individual

Partnership

Collaboration

Data owned and shared by the patient

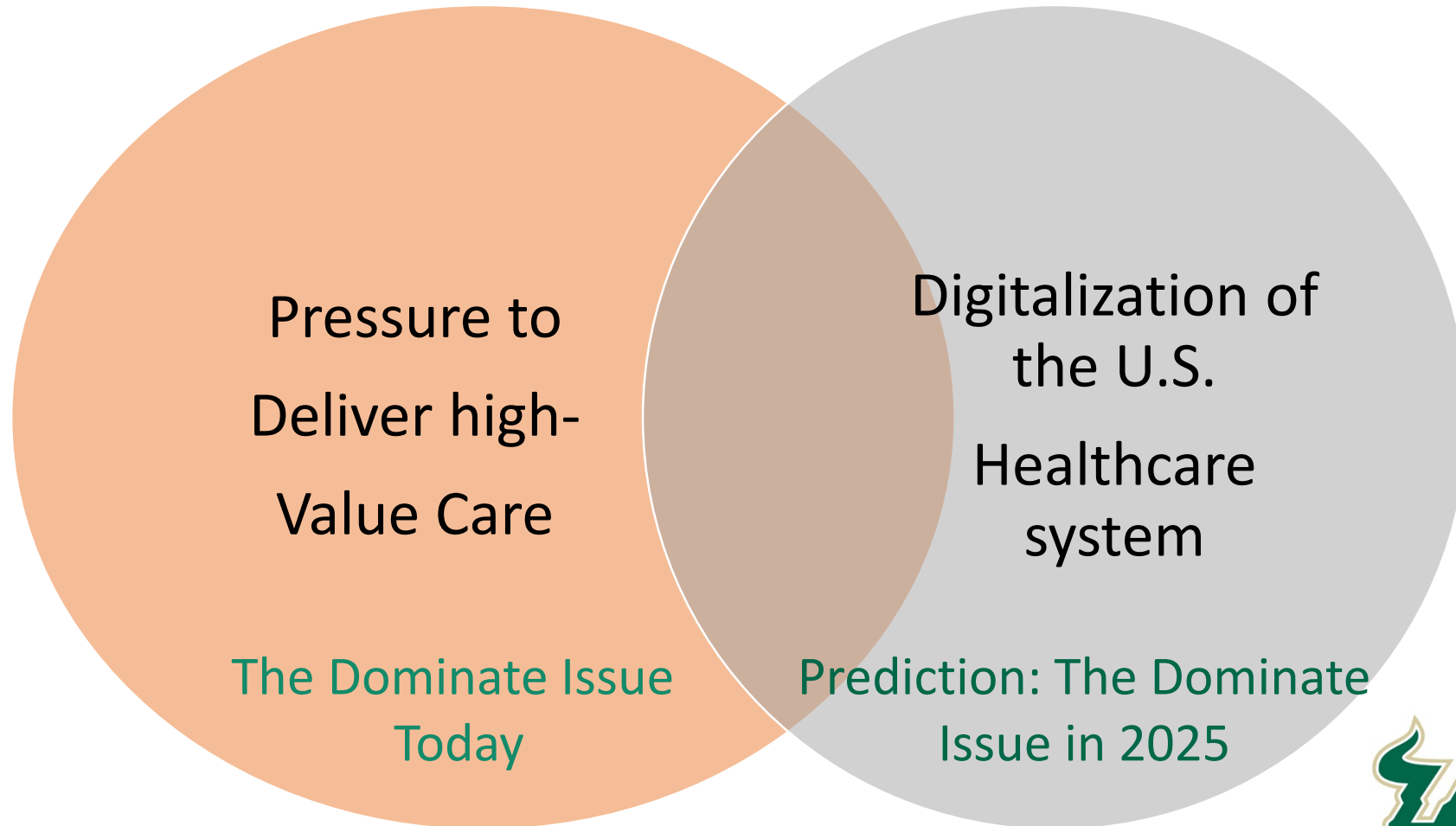
Limitless data analyses

Physicians as guides

Social media

Costs driven down by Moore's law

# Two Transformational Trends



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# ITNEP Grant

Integrating Technology into Nursing Education and Practice (ITNEP) Initiative

- 5 year HRSA grant with 1 year extension (2010-2016)

Goal: Increase knowledge of informatics, simulated learning and telehealth by at least 25%

# Faculty Knowledge of Digital Health for Education & Practice (ITNEP Grant)

353

Faculty

100%

Some Knowledge of  
Sims & Informatics

75%

No Knowledge of  
Telehealth/mHealth

66%

MS-DNP No NI  
Content



Barriers

Lack of resources,  
resistance to change



2011 to 2016

32 States



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## Educause Study

2/3 of Faculty  
Think Students are  
Prepared to Use  
Software Applications  
in Education &  
Practice

[2018 EDUCAUSE Center for Analysis and Research \(ECAR\) Study of Undergraduate Students and Information Technology](#)

# Nursing Informatics (NI) Self-Assessment of BS/MS-DNP Students Informatics Skill-Sets 2016-2019



# Nursing Informatics (NI) Self-Assessment of Informatics Skill-Sets for Education & Practice

**188**

Students Self  
Assessment of  
NI Skill-Sets

**16%**

Novice or Advanced  
Beginner

**61%**

BS-DNP No NI  
Content

**66%**

MS-DNP No NI  
Content



**1997- 2018**

Graduated from  
BS/MS Program



BS & MS to DNP Program over 6 Semesters Sum 2016-Sum 2019



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# Student Goals

- Proficiently use digital health in my advanced practice
- Gain a better understanding of the technology that can advance nursing practice and research
- Use Information and Communication technologies to enter, retrieve and manipulate data
- To become more familiar with social media to generate/develop areas of research
- Learn more about applications that can be useful in daily DNP practice.
- Become proficient with HIT to benefit patient care
- I would like to learn how to collect data and present it professionally
- Become more proficient in using informatics tools to extract, organize, and interpret data
- Recognize patient safety issues with regards to different computer documentation systems.

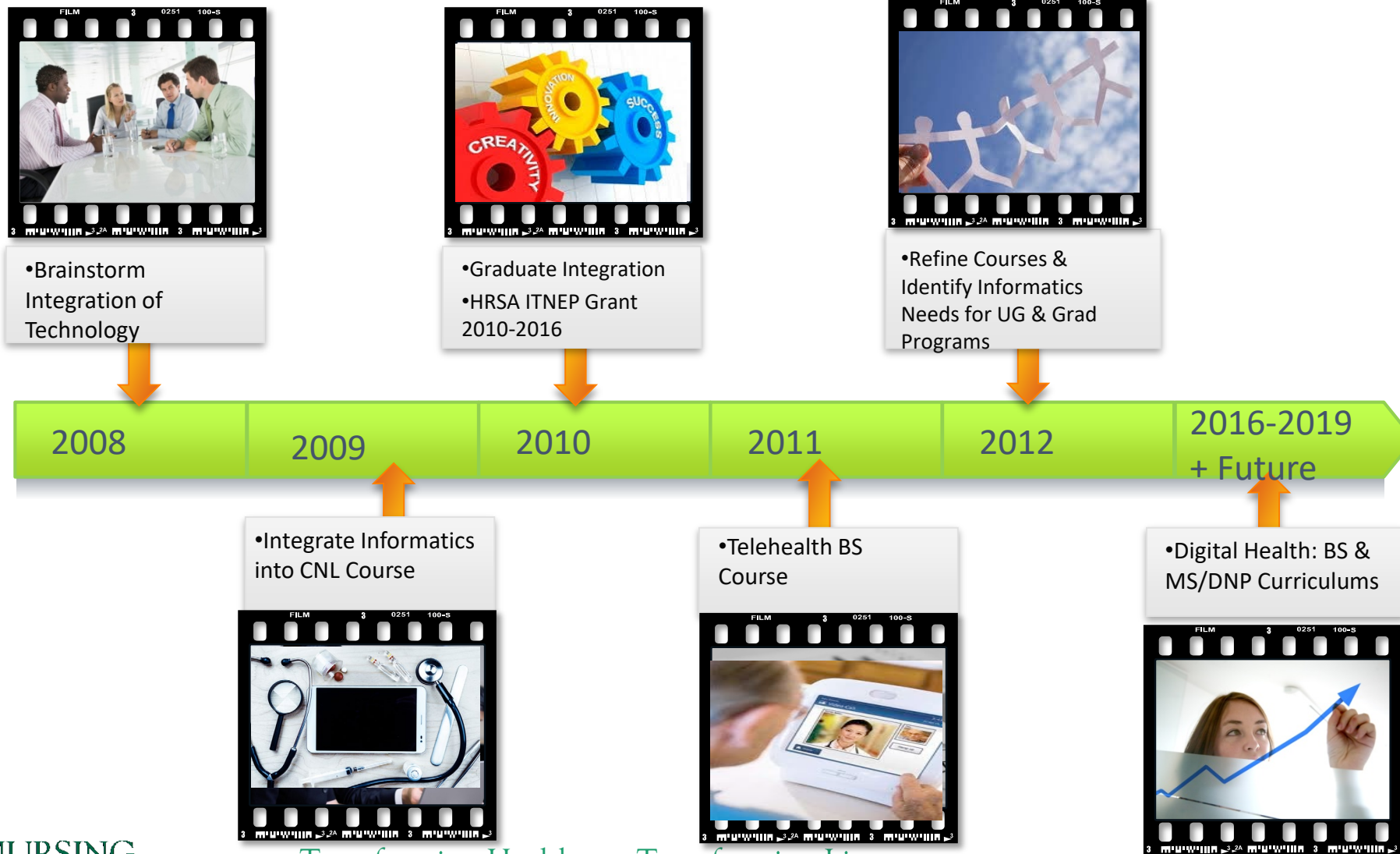


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The Students Are Ready to  
Learn about Education and  
Practice Implications of  
Digital Health

The Faculty Are \_\_\_\_\_  
[Fill in the Blank]

# ITNEP Grant → New UG & Grad Courses



| BS  | BS  | MS  | DNP   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <u>Informatics:</u><br>Use information & technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making | <u>Essential IV: Information Management and Application of Patient Care technology</u><br>Knowledge & skills in information management & patient care technology are critical in the delivery of quality patient care | <u>Essential V: Informatics &amp; Healthcare Technologies</u><br>Recognizes that the master's prepared nurse uses patient care technologies to deliver & enhance care and uses communication technologies to integrate and coordinate care<br><u>QSEN Informatics</u><br>Information & technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, & support decision making | <u>Essential IV: Information Systems/Technology for the Improvement &amp; Transformation of Health Care</u><br>DNP graduates are distinguished by their abilities to use information systems/technology to support & improve patient care and healthcare systems, and provide leadership within healthcare systems and/or academic settings |

# Informatics (Digital Health) Competencies

# Need for Expansion of Faculty Competencies

Informatics literacy/Digital Literacy is crucial to the future of nursing.

QSEN Institute (2019a; 2019b) competencies support the progressive achievement of informatics proficiency of KSAs at all levels of nursing education.

AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate (2008), Master's (2011) and Doctoral (2006) Education require knowledge and competencies in informatics and healthcare technologies.

## Informatics/ Digital Health Content

- BS & RN
  - Public Health Informatics & Information Skills for RNs, Apps for You & Your Patients, Social Media and the RN, Interdisciplinary Digital Health Course, Coordination of Care, Ambulatory Care Track
- Masters
  - Health Policy, Systems, and Technologies for Improving Population Health Course
- DNP
  - Informatics & Patient Care Technologies

➤ Content in Stand Alone Courses & Integrated into Courses

# Next Steps



- Continue to endow students & faculty with the literacies, capacities & resources needed to thrive in a world defined by technology
- Provide contemporary innovative educational opportunities
  - e.g., Ambulatory Care offering Spring 2020 (Includes Digital Health)
- Strategize ways to facilitate & engage faculty & students knowledge and applications of digital health in education and practice





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**Thank you!**