5 Easy Steps for Online Education

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Transformations in Healthcare

• Scientific research advances

• Technology
  – Greater specificity with diagnosing
  – More narrowly refined treatments
  – Increased patient monitoring
  – Less invasive surgical techniques
  – Harnessing Information Technology

• More refined pharmacological treatments
  – Targeted therapies
  – Few side effects

• Multidisciplinary Care
The Meaning for Nursing

- Need for increased skills levels
- Increased care of complex patients
- Increased use of intricate technologies
- Greater focus on quality care
- Need to translate evidence based research into practice
- Multifaceted care planning & team coordination
- Higher levels of education necessary
## Paradigm shift in Education

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<td>• Immediate feedback</td>
<td>• Asynchronous feedback</td>
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<td>• Lecture based Instruction</td>
<td>• Preferred individual instruction</td>
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<td>• Set time and place</td>
<td>• Place is space, flexible time(s)</td>
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<td>• Reliable transportation needed</td>
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Success does not just happen

- Use of the Nursing Process to facilitate success
  - Familiar to nurses in this unfamiliar terrain
  - Systemic approach
  - Purposeful process
  - Reinforces critical thinking skills
  - Provides a framework of methodical thinking
  - Individualized
  - Continuous circular event
Self Assessment

Technology

Resources

Time

Academic Skills

Learning Style
# Self Diagnosis

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<td>Tools to accommodate</td>
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Plan & Prioritize

Technology

- Time
  - Learning Style
  - Academic Skills
  - Resources
Interventions

Stay within the Framework
- Focus on the present
- Continually monitor plan
- Add resources when needed

Action
- The hardest part is getting started

Shift to contingency plans when needed
- Activate identified support(s)

Remain flexible
- Remain flexible
Evaluate

Conduct ongoing self formative evaluations and weekly self summative evaluations

Aim for homeostasis, balance & graduation as the outcome

Access strengths as well as opportunities for improvement.

Modify plan for the upcoming week based on written evaluation & plan.
Significance of the Process

• Education & educational preparation are processes

• The Nursing Process provides a familiar framework for educational preparation

• Preparation helps build the capacity for to learn in new environments, using new learning tools & strategies

• Timely, adaptable and autonomous

• Plans become routines and routines become habits

• Online education CAN incorporate into everyday life
Questions

Thank you for your time and attention!