COUNCIL ON TEACHING

Follow-Up Report for

Teaching in Higher Education Conference Award

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Conference Attended: International Nursing Association for Clinical Stimulation and Learning

Date of Conference: June 12-15, 2024

Award Amount: $572.00

Briefly summarize how your attendance at the conference enhanced your professional development and allowed you to gain a better understanding of teaching in your discipline or trends in higher education in general.

The conference covered varying topics from the use of AI in the classroom/lab to implementing competency-based education into nursing simulation. Many of the sessions centered around the use of technology and implementing the use of electronic health records (EHR) into the curriculum. Implementing EHR into the lab and simulation environment is a large project that we have recently undertaken in the College of Nursing due to the emphasis on IT integration, so these sessions were incredibly helpful to guide new developments and revise our existing structure. It also validated the importance of this integration throughout the world to help decrease errors, promote patient safety, and facilitate positive transition to practice.

How have you been able to share what you learned about teaching with your department, the University of Iowa, and/or beyond?

As the College of Nursing works through curricular revisions as well as integration of the AACN Essentials to develop competency-based education and simulation experiences, the strategies and information gathered will lead to constructive student evaluation and feedback. Consistent and timely student feedback is essential to attaining competency-based education. With the strategies presented at the conference, our nursing simulation faculty can begin implementing procedures and developing processes to attain consistency between faculty evaluations.

We also investigated how the use of AI and VR would augment our existing simulation strategies and lead to student competency and confidence. The information about VR and the EHR integration will positively impact how our students function in the simulation lab which will in turn positively impact patient outcomes. I am excited to see our EHR integration grow and transform. As our students move onto graduation and patient care, I am hopeful to ease their transition into practice during this time of uncertainty in nursing.