

"This OLC course allowed me to update course content and teaching strategies using evidence-based research, as well as provided me with a wealth of tools and activities to ensure that the interactions online enhance the student experience."

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Update Your Online Nursing Courses and Teaching Strategies

How did you hear about the OLC Online Nursing Mastery Series?

Due to offering more nursing courses hybrid and online, our program dean and director desired for the nursing instructors to be prepared and competent in teaching distance education courses. They recommended this mastery series to support our efforts in providing more flexible delivery options for students and our program.

Why the need/interest in the OLC Online Nursing Mastery Series?

We knew our transformation would require more than just simply replacing the in-class lecture with online discussions. We needed to change our instruction delivery from content-focus and teacher-driven to one that is outcome-focused and learning-driven. We knew converting our courses to the online environment was going to be time-consuming, thus the need for OLC Online Nursing Mastery Program, to provide support and structure in learning about the different technologies that would assist us in effectively designing and teaching our online nursing courses.

How did the program help you in your position/career?

This course was a game-changer for me in how I view online nursing instruction. I have to be honest, at first I thought that I didn't really have time to take this class and that I had enough knowledge of various digital technologies available for teaching and learning. I was blown away from what I learned! I learned best practices relevant to nurse educators, including how to increase social, cognitive, and teaching presence in the online environment. The knowledge and skills I gained from this course transformed my online nursing courses into creative, engaging, and motivational courses for my students.

To whom and why you would recommend this OLC Mastery Series?

I feel this program would be beneficial for any nursing instructor who currently teaches online or will be moving to online education, even if you think you have a solid foundation in online education. This course allows you to revise a portion of an existing course using a new technology in a guided and organized manner.

KRISTA'S TOP 5 MASTERY BENEFITS

1. Increased social, cognitive, and teaching presence in my online courses
2. Increased student engagement
3. Increased knowledge of the various digital technology tools available to instructors
4. Great resources on best practices in online nursing education
5. Increased knowledge on the trends in the industry and to be continuously thinking and exploring how to provide engaging content to my students that adheres to the latest preferences for online learners



> About Krista Polomis

I've been a nurse for 20 years. I have a Master's Degree in Nursing Leadership. I've been with Nicolet College as a nursing instructor since July of 2019. I consider myself a life-long learner.

One of my goals is my commitment to reforming online education, especially

for nursing students and staff. One of our challenges (opportunities): over half of our nursing instructors have been with Nicolet College for less than two years. We are also in the process of transitioning some of our nursing courses to the online format.

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