Optimizing the Student Experience

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Objectives

• Describe the ways to optimize the student clinical experience
• Explore the differences in students today
• Examine the changes in today’s healthcare system that impact student learning
• Discuss strategies to push the envelope for optimization of the student experience
  • Undergraduate students
  • Graduate students
The differences in students today:

Greetings, Gizmos, Google........
Student Differences

• Learner Attributes
  – Preferences
  – Aspirations
  – Resources
  – Experience
• Learner Variances
  – Age
  – Culture
  – Ethnicity
  – Gender
  – Motivation
  – Socioeconomic Status

Anderson, 2016; Beetham & Sharpe, 2013; Bowen & McPherson, 2016; Merriam & Bierema, 2014)
Changes in today’s healthcare system

- Evidence based practice
- Changing demographics of nurses; staff and faculty
- Technology, EHR, patient acuities, staff ratios
- Sicker people at home or LTC, polypharmacy, value-based care vs volume
- Fees for placements, lack of clinical sites, simulation substitution
- High expectations for pursuing higher education and its relationship to quality patient care and outcomes
Strategies for Student Success

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
Strategies for Student Success

- Academic Planning
- Individualized Learning Plan
- Academic Content Support
- Study Strategies
- Life Coaching
- Systems and Process Support

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Strategies for Student Success

Identify
Support
Assess
Engage
Connect
Challenge
Strategies for Student Success

- Determine how your students learn best
- Help them set realistic goals
- Help them identify an accountability partner
- Make it personal!

Chambliss, 2014; Thomas, McIntosh, & Mensik, 2016
Strategies for Student Success

• Address poor academic performance early
• Identify poor attendance and study skills
• Notice minimal social support
• Help with lack of time management skills
• Look for solutions to financial barriers
• Provide adequate information regarding academic support services
• Welcome and support cultural differences in your students
Summary- Objectives Met

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Questions?

Thank you!

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References


