

Notable Practice – Middlesex University – Free E-Books

Background

The e-book project aimed to enhance access to learning materials for all students by the provision of a free e-book to every student for each module they are enrolled upon.

Summary

The e-book project was trialled in one school and then opened out university wide in 2016. Within Nursing this was managed at a programme level in order to maximise the benefit of the books, by careful selection of the most relevant books for each module of study, with 12 books provided over the whole programme. Students are able to download each book to 5 devices, and they keep their access to these after programme completion. The books were selected by the module leader in conjunction with the project lead for the programme, and are used within the module as pre and post sessional work, and in-class activities. A series of staff development events supported this process.

The financial benefit to the students is significant, with books worth over £300 being provided over the 3 years at no charge.

This has been well evaluated by students and staff, and as the project is now in its 3rd year, the choice of e-book can be updated when required as new resources are thought to be more relevant. For nursing students with periods of their programme in practice placements this is a particularly valuable tool allowing free access to key texts to support their learning.

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