Online Teaching Strategies: Lessons Learned in Arts in Medicine Online Graduate Programs

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Program Overview

- 8 week accelerated courses
- Students need work/life balance with learning
- Program fosters connection between students and with faculty

Strategies from the literature

- Let students do most of the work
- Interactivity (beyond discussion) is the heart and soul of effective asynchronous learning
- Presence: Social, cognitive, teaching
  - Real people
  - Audio and video at every chance

Best Practices

- Daily Check-in
- Modules are Tuesday through Monday (11:59 EST)
- Much hidden, then need only to edit items in one page
- “Start Here”
  - Welcome video (in hospital environment)
  - UF Policies link to official UF webpages
  - Syllabus overview video
  - Homepage = first impression (shake hand with your students here)
- Announcements
  - Preload weekly welcome video (Delay posting—double check to make sure Canvas has it hidden)
    - Inspiring photos, cartoons, links to current media
  - Multiple evaluations reminders
- Assignments
  - Major assignments to develop content and skills
  - Mini assignments to scaffold skills needed to reach the major assignments
- Creative Practice
  - Adobe Spark
- Discussion
  - Facilitated and directed at all times
    - Students have to cite literature
    - Initial post, 2 required response posts, summary + annotated bibliography
  - Student as discussion facilitator
    - Instructions on how to do this
• Require academic level of writing
  o Model substance and dig more deeply

• Grades
  o Meaningful usage of the discussion feature in Speed Grader
  o Extra credit for evaluation participation to improve rates

Using Video in Creative practice

Workload = 16 – 20 hours per week

Instructions:
  • Written
  • Audio/video recording
  • Sample

Reach out early to floundering students

Instagram journal – private account (virtual sketchbook)

Issues of getting “unstuck” can be solved through trying a different modality or artform

To see examples of Arts in Medicine practice: Tinybedconcerts on YouTube