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## ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

This newsletter is dedicated to instructors, administration, and providers of Allied Health. As always, **if you have any questions concerning anything** in this edition of the *Platinum Pulse*, feel free to reach out to us anytime by [Clicking Here](#) and a Platinum rep will contact you shortly.

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### Grow Your Program Now!

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! There is more sunshine, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing! Use this opportunity to grow your program, as well! We have an online solution to make your lives, and your students' lives, much easier via [PlatinumPlanner.com](https://PlatinumPlanner.com) for competency tracking and clinical rotations. We are also working on an amazing new feature called AccredAssist® to help your SER go smoothly EVERY year! Stay tuned!

**It is NOT too late for you to utilize our electronic competency tracking platform, [Platinum Planner](#), even if your current course has started!** We make it easy—**ALL OF IT!** The platform set up, the training, and the industry-leading customer support.

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To all you educators out there—thank you from all of us at Platinum. Please be safe and stay healthy.



### Who is Platinum Educational Group, exactly?

As Platinum Educational Group continues to broaden the versatility of our solutions for healthcare professions, as well as increase our audience, we would like to remind people of who we are and what we do!

We are staunch advocates for the highest degree of training for all Allied Health programs. **We are proud to boast the best, and most cost-efficient, competency tracking, scheduling, and compliance reporting software for all Allied Health professions.**

**“Platinum Planner allows flexibility to meet our MA competency tracking needs and the data collected is vital for accreditation requirements which makes things easier when managing our program. Platinum Planner is also compatible with multiple devices and is very user-friendly. What makes Platinum Planner above other programs is the highly qualified support team that answers all questions, provides additional training and works with you to make your job easier and more efficient.” Kara Schreiner, Director of the Medical Assistant Program/Faculty, Kishwaukee College (IL)**

**\*Factoid—Since 2015, we have delivered 500+ new features and updates for our customers, many at their request!**

**Our Mission:** Deliver valid & reliable testing, assessment, scheduling, competency tracking, & compliance reporting solutions.

**Our Vision:** Every learner in the world can benefit from our solutions.



### Applications Open for 2022 Scholarships for EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health Students!

**No Essay Required in 2022!**

Platinum Educational Group's annual scholarship's goal is to provide students entering the EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health fields with assistance in funding their early higher education. These scholarships are intended for certificate programs or students in undergraduate degree programs. We have made our 2022 scholarships the easiest year to apply yet! There is

no essay or recommendation form requirement! This year—it's all about the selfie!

**[WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AND WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?](#)**



### Submit an Article!

Do you have a knack for writing good articles? Do you have an awesome article you have written in the past that you would like to showcase? Do you have a blog?

**If you said yes to any of these, then we want you!**

We are currently looking for quality Allied Health content to be featured in our monthly newsletter and social media platforms! Maybe you

want to submit just one article, a few, or be a consistent contributor—all of these are great! Contributors will receive a “thank you” package from us (Gift Card, Allied Health Swag) as well as some great exposure to your content and expertise!

**If you would like to submit an article for consideration, [Click Here!](#)** Not only will you get some exposure, we will also send you some awesome Allied Health swag!!



## **Allied Health Programs Desire Competency Tracking at an AFFORDABLE Cost. Good News—it’s Here!**

The number one "objective" that we hear most frequently is that Allied Health programs desire a transition to an online competency/clinical tracking and scheduling/rotation platform in a cost-effective manner. Well, good news...**WE HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU!**

### **What Do We Offer?**

We have worked very hard to produce a platform that will meet ALL of your needs and then some! Not only is keeping track of your students' competencies, case requirements, clinicals, and externship easy on your end, we also provide a FREE student app that works online and offline for your pupils to utilize! We offer FREE customer support to admin, instructors, students, preceptors, and any other of our end users! **100% free, 100% of the time!**

### **CURRENT Supported Professions**

[Anesthesia Technology](#)

[Dental Assistant](#)

[Dental Hygienist](#)

[Medical Assistant](#)

[Occupational Therapy](#)

[Occupational Therapy Assistant](#)

[Ophthalmic Medical Technician](#)

[Patient Care Technician](#)

[Phlebotomy](#)

[Pre-Clinical](#)

[Respiratory Care](#)

[Speech-Language](#)

[Pharmacy Technician](#)

[Surgical Technology](#)

[Veterinary Technology](#)

### **What is the Cost?**

There is **NO Institutional fee** to incorporate Platinum Planner into your program, only a one-time nominal per-student fee with several different payment options!! There are so many more benefits to Platinum Planner. We would be honored to show you! Finally, **YOU** can have an affordable electronic competency/clinical tracking system!

**Stop wasting time tracking your students with paper and pencil or excel! We have an easier and more cost-effective solution!**

### [Top 10 Reasons to Utilize PlatinumPlanner.com](#)

**“We are doing great so far with Platinum Planner! As we navigate more and more, we are excited about incorporating more things we need for our accreditation process/visit. We are building the competencies/standards now and scanning in is going well.” Kim Byron-Barnes, Program Chair Medical Assisting/Ophthalmic Medical/Office Admin., Edgecombe Community College (NC)**

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Schedule a short demo of Platinum Planner on **YOUR** time!

## **What’s the Difference Between Database Court Searches and Actual Court Searches?**

By Levi Perkins, Corporate Screening



Court searches are an effective way to get an accurate picture of an individual's background as well as any current or pending criminal actions. There are two kinds of court searches: database court searches and actual court searches. Each serves a unique purpose and can provide different kinds of information. First, a definition of each:

Database court search – This kind of search seeks criminal records for an individual combined from multiple sources. The database is a centralized repository of historical data pulled from court records at a specific point in time.

Actual court search – This kind of court search seeks criminal information about an individual through a physical or online search of court records. Court searches can be conducted at the federal, state, or county court level. These searches reveal all data on record at the specific court.

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## Episode 42: Know The Rules! Contingency Planning

By Kimberley Shuttles

### Contingency Planning, Yes You Need It!!

The purpose of contingency planning is to establish strategies for recovering access to electronically protected health information (ePHI). In the event, an organization experiences an emergency or other incidents, such as power outages and/or disruption of critical business operations, any lost or damaged ePHI must be recovered and/or restored.

Establish (and implement as needed) policies and procedures for responding to an emergency or other occurrence (for example, fire, vandalism, system failure, and natural disaster) that damages systems that contain electronically protected health information.

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## Students Who Need Support - Update

By Sarah Smith, Customer Service Advocate/Trainer/Development Tester, Platinum Educational Group

We here at Platinum Educational Group pride ourselves on doing our very best to assist our customers with their use of our products, including students. If students do reach out to our Support team, we will provide them with as much assistance as we can, however, sometimes having your students reach out to us directly may not be the best course of action.

Many issues that students experience are a result of the settings in their school, their course, their class, or their tests and it is our policy that our Support Team will not make adjustments to these settings on the behalf of a student. The requests to adjust settings must come from a user that has the access to adjust those settings.

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## News From Our Allies in Education

Every month we feature a key news snippet or other information from our allies in Allied Health Education. If you would like to connect and see how we can collaborate, [contact us!](#)



## New Submission Requirements

**New!** The following program applications can now be completed online through the membership portal

[More details](#)



## Proposed Surgical Technology Standards open for public comment

As part of the national accreditation CAAHEP Standards development process, two Committees on Accreditation are inviting public comments on proposed Standards. If you wish to comment on one of the following proposed Standards, please visit the link below.

[More details](#)

## Upcoming Conference & Expos!



**5/4/22 to 5/6/22, Grand Rapids, MI - ACTE Conference 2022**

## From the Customer Support Team

Transferring Students

**Q:** One of my students was accidentally approved into the wrong course. How do I transfer them to another course?

**A:** On Platinumed.com, it is not possible for School Administrators or Instructors to transfer a student from one course to another. If a student is accepted into the wrong course and their enrollment fee is paid, and they then sign up for and are accepted into the correct course, the program would expect them

to pay another enrollment fee for the new course (as the program cannot know that the student isn't just signing up for two courses that they need).

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**“As a new user, I had some questions about Batch grading after I had already made an attempt, and was not working. The Customer Service response was amazingly quick and I was able to follow the directions with no problems to resolve my issues. I even received a follow-up email. Very impressive and KUDOS.” Diane McConnell, Instructor/Coordinator at Moberly Area Community College, (MO)**

## Customer Showcase: Baker College (MI)

Every month we give a little bit of love to one of our valued customers! This month we celebrate the awesome **veterinary staff at Baker College (MI)**.



The beginnings of Baker College trace back to the turn of the 20th century, with the founding of Muskegon College by Woodbridge Ferris—who later became Governor of Michigan and then a U.S. Senator.

Baker College serves thousands of students across the state of Michigan, as well as across the US through our global campus. Baker College offers diverse academic depth and breadth in undergraduate and graduate programs across 8 academic colleges, ranging from health sciences and engineering to business and technology. Baker College strives to cultivate and encourage positive action, critical thought, and the knowledge students need to improve their lives, careers, and the world around them.

Baker's veterinary technology associate degree program can prepare you for a great career in this highly rewarding field. As a student, you'll be able to take classes led by practicing veterinary professionals who are very knowledgeable about the latest techniques and tools being used today.

- With a combination of classroom time, work in our high-tech labs, and real work experience, you'll learn the fundamentals of veterinary care and work to develop a full range of lab skills.
- As a graduate of this program, you'll be eligible to sit for national licensing exams.
- The veterinary technology Associate of Applied Science program at Baker College is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA, CVTEA).

**We want to thank the Baker Veterinary educators for their trust in our solutions, and their trust in our customer service!**

### Keeping you Laughing



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