



## Industry Information for Nursing Educators, Instructors, Administrators, and Students

This newsletter is dedicated to Nursing instructors, administrators, and providers. 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 representative will contact you.

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### Hurry Up, Winter Break!

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Hopefully you didn't gain as much weight as we did! The first part of December can be a whirlwind for many educators. There is much to be done before that elusive holiday break. After all the hoopla, and before break begins, we encourage you to evaluate the efficiency of your current cohort. Has it been too time consuming? Was it not easily set up and run as smooth as you have liked? Has reporting not been simple? Well, we may be able to help with all that and more! Please peruse our newsletter to read about more!

Until then, we wish you all the happiest and safest holiday season!

#### The Staff at Platinum Educational Group



### Who is Platinum Educational Group, exactly?

As Platinum Educational Group continues to broaden the versatility of their 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 nursing programs. **We are proud to boast the best, and most cost-efficient, testing, skills tracking, scheduling, and reporting for all levels.**

*"Unlike many companies, Platinum Educational Group is a system of educational support, helping to transform the way you teach. They function as educational partners. I never cease to be impressed with their customer service." - Daniel Linkins, Program Director and Dept. Chair*

**Our Mission:** Deliver valid and reliable testing, assessment, scheduling, skills tracking, and reporting solutions.  
**Our Vision:** Every learner in the world can benefit from our solutions.



## Platinum is Pleased to Announce an Additional Full Time Site Tester

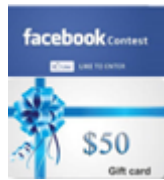
Platinum is improving our testing department and has added an additional full-time testing position to our team! This person will be performing more in-depth testing on our products in hopes of finding and correcting user experience issues prior to live releases. It's just one more way that we try to provide the best customer experience possible!



## Platinum Educational Group Announces Partnership with Corporate Screening through VerifyStudents Platform

As a leader in assessment, clinical tracking, scheduling, and reporting for nursing, allied health, and EMS institutions, Platinum Educational Group understands the importance of keeping track of students' needs on one online platform. This also includes background checking and screening. Platinum is pleased to announce its new collaboration with Corporate Screening, a leading provider of pre-employment and student background screening services, via their VerifyStudents platform.

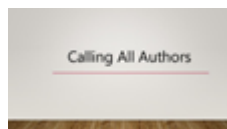
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## Facebook Contest! \$50 Gift Card!

Thank you to everyone that has given us some love on Facebook! We appreciate you! We are fast approaching our 2200 Likes contest drawing! If you haven't already, then give us a like and be included! Winner will receive a **\$50 visa gift certificate!** As a **bonus**, if you are a current Platinum customer, **leave us a review** in our [review section](#) and get a **gift automatically sent** to you!

In addition to special contests, each month we randomly select a profile that has liked our [Fan Page](#). That person/company receives an awesome "thank you" package from us! So, go ahead and give us a "like" **YOU MAY BE OUR NEXT WINNER!** December's awardee is **Fred LaPoint from Manistee, MI!**



## Submit an Article!

**we want you!**

Do you have a knack for writing good articles? Do you have an awesome article you have written in the past that isn't getting recognition? Do you have a blog? **If you said yes to any of these, then**

We are currently looking for quality Nursing 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, Platinum Swag) as well as some great exposure to your content and expertise!

**If you would like to submit an article for consideration, please contact [Director of Marketing](#), Jeremy M. Johnson, today!**



## The Game Changing NCLEX-RN® Testing Prep with true online Computer Adaptive Testing that mimics the NCLEX-RN® Exam!

We know it is hard work preparing students for the NCLEX-RN® exam! Students are scrambling to gather questions from banks and finding prep questions wherever they can: books, the Internet, school resources. Although there are good classroom review materials, there is nothing that actually mimics the NCLEX-RN® exam. **UNTIL NOW!**

## What are the benefits for your students?

[PlatinumTests](#) is organized exactly like the NCLEX-RN® exam and is the only computer adaptive testing (CAT) simulator on the market. For only \$90, candidates have access to more than 3,000 up-to-date questions written by experts in Nursing. PlatinumTests contains the most thorough breakdown of NCLEX-RN® questions into test plan concepts. That is more than any other question bank on the market today!

PlatinumTests is a simple system for students to utilize. They have unlimited access to as many tests as they want, for as long as they want - all for one low price! It also provides them with post-test results and analysis so they have clarification of their strengths and weaknesses!

Curriculum Level		Indicators Met	Percentile	Score	Difficulty	Questions
1	Safe and Effective Care Environment	2	99	80%	0.55	50
1.1	Management of Care	2	78	71%	0.55	24
1.1.3	Case Management	0	18	56%	0.55	9
1.1.4	Client Rights	0	1	0%	0.55	1
1.1.4.1	Recognize client right to refuse treatment/procedures	0	1	0%	0.55	1

Students will never again doubt whether they practiced enough or chose the right topics to study! PlatinumTests is truly the adaptive experience students are searching for to effectively and accurately gauge if they can pass the NCLEX-RN® exam!

## Why should my program incorporate PlatinumTests into the curriculum?

Not only are your students provided with the benefits listed above, but there are many reasons to support PlatinumTests in your courses work as well. First, your students will be afforded the institution enrolled cost of \$90 versus the \$120 they would have to pay for a non participating school. Second, PlatinumTests gives instructors the ability to build their own tests based on Nursing curriculum. They can also view, analyze, and compare test results in our online grade book. Plus, along with comparing other students in the class or by national averages, instructors can view "Cut Score" averages, "Raw Score" averages, "KR20", "Confidence Scores" and see most requested objectives for discussion. Finally, and most exciting to many, schools have access to our [Group Testing](#) feature for their classroom. Group Testing is the fun way to bring your class together to test and review their knowledge in a stress-free gaming fashion!

[Contact us](#) today for more information or free product demo of PlatinumTests!

Easy Demo Scheduling!



## Platinum Planner - Skills Tracking and Scheduling Scheduling for your Nursing Curriculum!

We have heard for years what a nightmare it is for Nursing programs to keep track of their student's externships. That's why we have developed a skills tracking, scheduling, and reporting program that will take care of it all for you - **easy!**

### Top Five Reasons to have Platinum Planner for YOUR Nursing Program:

1. Save Time and Money - **No Institutional Fee!**
2. **Easiest and Most Flexible** Platform for Scheduling, Skills Tracking, and Reporting!
3. **Compliant to Accrediting Agencies!**
4. **FREE Student App** for online and offline use!
5. **FREE Customer Support** for Admin, Instructors, Students, and Preceptors!

If you are using another online system, then you are paying too much! **There is NO institutional fee for Nursing programs to utilize Platinum Planner!** There is just a minimal per student fee.

Interested in knowing more about Platinum Planner? We would **LOVE** to show you how we stack up against our competitors. What do you have to lose? [Contact us for a free demo!](#)

Easy Demo Scheduling!

## What's the Real Deal with Travel Nursing?



by PatMac10, RN (ALLNURSES)

Have you ever been interested in travel nursing? Has fear of the unknown stopped you from looking into this booming corner of nursing? This article discusses some common questions and concerns about being a travel nurse, in the form of an interview!

[Read Full Article](#)



## Interprofessional Education: A Case Study

By Susan L. Huehn (PhD, RN, PHN)

Developing professional nurses that provide safe patient care is the goal of nurse educators. Increased complexity of patient care is challenging the attainment of this goal. Subsequently nurse educators are seeking new ways to provide education that prepares professional nurses able to deliver safe patient care in a complex healthcare environment. The delivery of such quality care is highly dependent on effective communication between all members of the healthcare team. Examination of errors that occur in the healthcare setting indicates that a vast majority of errors can be attributed to poor interprofessional communication.

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## ATTENTION: Student Association & Nursing Conference Coordinators! Try Us for Your Next NCLEX-RN® Competition!

No longer do you have to have "run of the mill" NCLEX-RN® events! Nursing students have a BLAST learning via Platinum Educational Group's "[Group Testing](#)" feature! This online quizzing platform is setup like the trivia based quizzing that is popular in restaurants across the country. **We provide prizes for ALL participants and award the top 3 participants with Gift Cards!**

These awesome conferences broke the mold and enjoyed our Group Testing contest. Join them and find out what all the fun is about!

- **Colorado Student Nurses Association (CSNA)**
- **Michigan Nursing Students Association (MNSA)**
- **Ohio Student Nurses' Association (OhSNA)**
- **Ohio Organization of Practical Nurse Educators (OOPNE)**

If you would like to learn how [Group Testing](#) can benefit your annual conference [CONTACT US](#) for a quick 15 minute demo of our Group Testing platform!



## Ask the Customer Support Team

**Q: I've heard of EMSTesting, does Platinum Educational Group offer anything similar for Nursing? A:**

The answer is yes! PlatinumTests is an online, mobile friendly computer adaptive testing program that delivers content constructed to help nursing students prepare for their NCLEX-RN certifications.

The platform currently has over 3,800 objective based test questions written and reviewed by industry experts in Nursing. Test items are defensible and written at all cognitive levels as well as on a continuum (from easy to more difficult).

Have a Question? Ask Us! If your query is featured, we will send you a personalized "swag bag"! Submit your question [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events for Nursing

[1/26/18 to 1/27/18, Troy, MI - Michigan Nursing Student Association \(MNSA\)](#)  
[2/10/17, Harrisonburg, VA - Virginia Student Nurse Association \(VSNA\)](#)

**LOOKING FOR STATE RN, LPN and LVN CONFERENCES! Do you know of a RN, LPN or LVN conference that we simply CANNOT miss? Please [drop us a line](#) and let us know! We'll even send you a thank you gift!**

#### About a Nurse



*"...And last but not least, bless all the nurses in the world."*

#### CONNECT WITH US ON:



#### Connect With Us!

We would be **HONORED** if you connected with us via our social media platform! We are more than happy to **help build your platform as well!** We always connect back with others and try to share your news when possible! We share links and comments on Facebook and LinkedIn, follow and retweet on Twitter (exclusively for our followers), and we even have random drawings with prizes, gift cards, and swag to give away! So let's connect, tweet, poke, share, LOL, #Hashtag, DM, Like, and Meme together in networking harmony!

[Platinum Educational Group Facebook Fan Page](#)

[Platinum Educational Group Twitter](#)

[Platinum Educational Group LinkedIn](#)

[Platinum Educational Group Google +](#)



#### RN to BSN EASILY, AFFORDABLE, AND 100% ONLINE!

The Eastern Michigan University RN-BSN program is completely online, there are no clinicals or reasons to go to the campus. There is a total of 10 courses, 8 are core classes (listed on the flyer) and the remaining 2 are electives. Each course takes 7 ½ weeks to complete. You can take each class back-to-back and be finished in 16 months or take as many breaks as you need, as long as you finish within 6 years. There is a new start date about every 8 weeks, so if you decided to take some time off you would just start back up again on one of the start dates. You would still be in the program, but you would have to reenroll. Each course is \$984.00 and you pay as you go. The whole degree cost \$9,840.00. The program is CCNE accredited. The same nursing faculty that teaches at the campus also teach the online courses.

The program has been a huge success with nurses because of the flexibility and cost. Nurse's feel comfortable in enrolling in Eastern Michigan University's online program because they know of the University's established history and reputation compared to online programs that could/have gone bankrupt.

[Read More!](#)



#### Appreciation Corner

December Spotlight: Susan L. Huehn (PhD, RN, PHN), Assistant Professor in Nursing, St Olaf College

Dr. Huehn's academic experience has included roles as nursing instructor in both online and traditional nursing programs. She is currently assistant professor of nursing at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. In addition to her collegiate teaching and leadership experience, she has been a registered nurse for over 30 years with a practice background across several specialties, including medical surgical, telemetry, psychiatry, chemical dependency, and labor and delivery.

Dr. Huehn's expertise is in curriculum development and revision. She was the team leader for the integration of an 88-credit pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing curriculum from a proprietary college into a 66-credit liberal arts institution, as well as having participated in three curriculum revisions.

We are proud to have Dr. Huehn as this month's contributor to the Platinum Pulse: Nursing Edition! Check out her in-depth case study about Interprofessional Education. **We say thank you for all you do to advance nursing and keep up the great work, Susan!**

## Does your Program need Student Access Cards or Credit?

By John Zimmer, Client Relations Manager

Many programs still need to gain Platinum Tests or Platinum Planner student access. There are three ways students can gain access into our programs:

1. Nursing programs can purchase student access credit or cards directly through Platinum Educational Group; then the students reimburse through tuition or lab costs.
2. Students can purchase access cards through their institutions' bookstores.
3. Students can purchase access from our websites directly (PlatinumPlanner, PlatinumTests) using their own credit/debit cards.

As Fall classes start, if you need student access for PlatinumTests or Platinum Planner, contact **John Zimmer** at 616-490-5395 or email [EMAIL](#).

If your annual license ends soon, please renew prior to expiration to avoid an interruption in service. If you have questions about your license renewal, contact **John Zimmer** at [EMAIL](#).