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Understanding Sherpath

Sherpath offers interactive course content with a variety of assignment types, quizzing tools, and teaching resources to help you better engage students and achieve your learning objectives.

Sherpath AI

Sherpath AI is a chat feature that generates personalized answers to questions and is sourced from Elsevier's trusted evidence-based content. A complete Best Practices Guide is available to assist with using this powerful resource.

 [Review our accompanying Sherpath AI Best Practices guide to learn more about effective implementation strategies](#)

Instructor and Student Resources

Relevant teaching and student resources, class activities, and reading recommendations from your Elsevier textbook can easily be made visible to students through Sherpath's Course Plan. Evolve Instructor and Student Resources are easily accessible from the "Resources & eBooks" section in Sherpath.

- **Instructor Resources:** PowerPoint presentations and TEACH for Nursing lesson plans
- **Student Resources:** Case Studies, key points, review questions, and answer keys for eBook activities.

Assignment Options

Lessons



Digital lessons create an engaging, didactic experience to better help students achieve learning objectives. Relevant, need-to-know content includes multimedia, interspersed micro quizzes, and post-lesson assessments to gauge proficiency. The HESI Focus Chapters identify key content that aligns with HESI Specialty Exams.

Osmosis Videos



Bite-sized, illustrated health-education videos help support student understanding of critical content. These on-demand videos are available both inside lessons and as stand-alone resources.

Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing (EAQ)



Adaptive quizzing allows you to create relevant quizzes on a wide variety of topics to facilitate student knowledge application with high-quality practice questions. This personalized, formative quizzing tool allows you and your students to ensure content mastery, better understand areas of weakness, and implement targeted remediation.

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Virtual Simulations

These case-based simulation scenarios enable students to safely practice clinical decision-making, allowing them to practice interventions and interactions with patients in an immersive, digital environment.



Course-Based SimChart

This learning tool is available as an addition to many courses and includes a simplified, user-friendly EHR that includes pre-built case studies and blank charting opportunities. Both resources can be used for assignments or active learning activities in the classroom.

Ideas for Building Knowledge and Applying Clinical Judgement



Key Point: It is important to communicate your expectations to students and explain the intent of each learning tool to help build knowledge. Assigning too many resources can overwhelm students.

Lessons

- Assign 2 – 3 lessons each week (assign 1 lesson per chapter if covering more than 3 chapters in a week).
- Prioritize Lessons:
 1. From HESI focus chapters
 2. That include Osmosis videos
 3. That help meet course objectives
- Make remaining lessons visible so students can use them independently for studying at their discretion.

eBooks

- Engage students as they read by providing instructor highlights, comments, or focused questions.
- Read with a purpose! Have students complete the Lesson first, then write down 3 topics they feel are important to explore further. They can then focus on reviewing those 3 topics in the eBook.

Osmosis Videos

- Consider playing a video in class to help solidify student understanding and spark discussion.
- Access videos within Sherpath:
 1. On the Course Plan
 2. On the Resources and eBooks page
 3. Embedded in select Lessons
- Video case studies focus on taking action and utilizing a case study format to show application of concepts, CJMM cognitive skills, and nursing processes.

Course-Based SimChart

- Assign a detailed SimChart Case Study or work through the case in class to help students apply what they're learning.
- Open a blank chart to use with students during class for interactive activities. Document common assessment findings relevant to the topic of the day or develop a relevant care plan.

 [Review your Sherpath resources and how to set them up in your course](#)

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Optimizing EAQ in Sherpath

Implementation Strategies for Success

- Ensure **students understand how Adaptive Quizzing works** and emphasize the benefits.
- Make EAQ **part of the weekly routine**. If you are covering multiple chapters per week, include both Mastery and Custom quizzes.
- Include **NGN Cases** as appropriate. These quizzes are a great way to bring patients to class while helping students practice their clinical judgment.
- **Consider using the Custom by Question** quizzing option to choose a few questions to use in class each week. Use these to spark class discussion and assist students with test-taking strategies.

Mastery and Custom Quiz Weekly Application Recommendations

Assign 1 Mastery Quiz for the “most important” topics and concepts

- Use the HESI Focus Chapters as your guide
- Intermediate mastery is recommended

Assign 1 – 2 Custom Quizzes for the remainder of the chapters

- Multiple chapters or concepts can be included in a custom quiz

Student Strategies for Success

- Students can do additional quizzing at any time! Encourage them to set a goal to answer a minimum number of questions for independent practice.
- Students should prioritize topics of personal weakness and those of most importance on course exams for their self-study efforts.

 **For more detailed information about EAQ, review our accompanying EAQ Best Practices guide**

Performance Dashboards and Reports

Comprehensive assignment dashboards and analytics put vital performance data at your fingertips. This enables you to quickly make content coverage adjustments, see which students are completing assignments, and identify individuals who may be struggling.

 **Review the Sherpath Performance Dashboard video to learn how to leverage these analytics**

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Available Reports

- **Performance Summary**
Provides a high-level overview of both assignment and student performance, including a disengaged students report.
- **Gradebook**
Provides scores for assignments with multiple filters available. This gradebook can also be exported.
- **Engagement Summary**
Enables better understanding of course engagement and how students are utilizing individual Sherpath resources, including lessons and quizzing.
- **Assignment Summary**
Provides a detailed look at student performance on all assigned resources.
- **EAQ Topic Report**
Provides a look at how each student is doing toward mastery in a selected topic area (nursing process, CJMM, concept, chapter, etc).
- **HESI Specialty Exam Readiness**
Provides insight into student performance on EAQ mastery assignments for HESI focus chapters and their readiness for the related HESI Specialty Exam.



Key Point: If you want data on student performance, you must assign the resource (lesson, quiz, etc.) Assigning resources in Sherpath does not mean a course grade must be associated, but it will ensure faculty receive important information about student performance on Sherpath activities.