

The Aging Adult: An Immersive Experience

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Background

Rapidly increasing
population of older adults

Oldest-old (85 and older)
leading the way

Need to develop
empathetic nurses

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Goals



Empathy



Communication



Confidence



Self-reflection

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Purpose

Experience cognitive and physical impairment

Create a safe and interactive learning environment

Meet state requirements for initial licensure

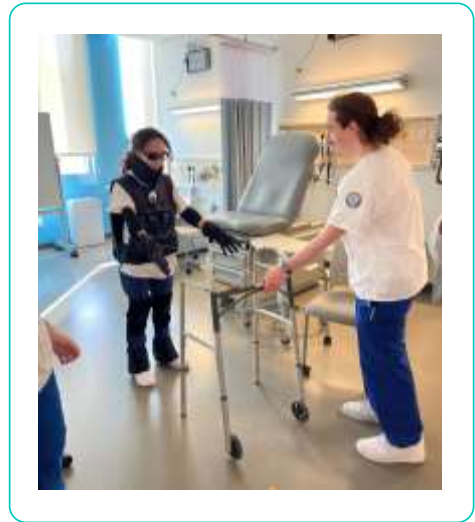


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Process

- Impaired vision
- Decreased tactile sensation
- Hearing loss
- Auditory hallucinations
- Muscle weakness

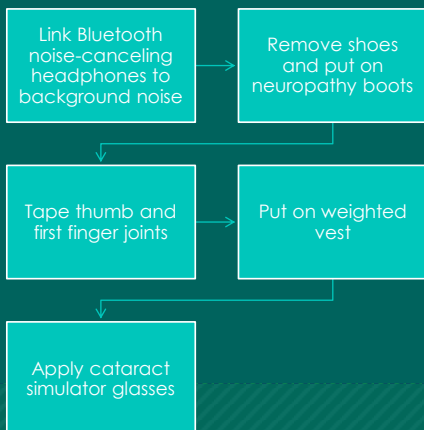


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Activity

Student Prep



Immediate Pre-Brief

Each student is told the following statement prior to entering the simulated apartment:

"Put on and button the purple shirt. Fold the laundry in the laundry basket. Take the dishes from the kitchen and set the table. The pills have spilled, please clean them up".

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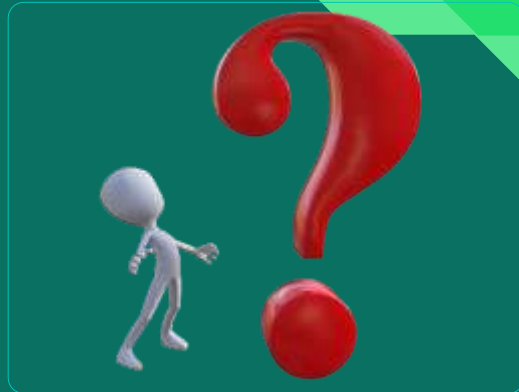
Results



Frustration



Confusion



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**Meaningful
Debrief**

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Overcoming Limitations

Difficult to schedule

Unfamiliar environment

Group engagement



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simulation
skills empathy
competent safe
compassion
student sensory
effective engaged prepared
strategies confident **independent** mobility
population aged
debrief

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