A Multifaceted Approach Using Simulation, Lecture, and Narratives to Positively Impact Nursing Student's Attitudes Regarding Care of Patients with Disabilities: A Societal Snippet of Perspectives on Disability

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## OBJECTIVE

Participants will be able to describe multiple methods to positively impact student's attitudes toward caring for patients with disabilities.

## Genesis of the Project

- Asbury Distinguished Nursing Professorship
- Must include Disability
- Students lack understanding of caring for patients with disabilities

## **Background/Significance**

- One in four adults in the United States, or 61 million people, have at least one of six disabilities: hearing, vision, cognition, mobility, self-care, or independent living
- With an increasing aging population and technology advances, nurses will need knowledge and skills to provide care for the patient population with disabilities
- Instructor identified theory to practice gap in caring for patients with chronic illnesses and disabilities in a Chronic Care Nursing course by instructor of

## **Background/Significance**

 Simulation is a proven teaching modality that offers a solution to bridging the TPG by providing realistic opportunities for students to engage in learning that require making independent clinical decisions and realizing the results of their responses in a safe, controlled environment

#### Methodology

- IRB obtained
- Research Design
  - Quasi Experimental Pretest Posttest Design
- Geographical Area
  - •South Central US
- Sample
  - •54 Prelicensure Baccalaureate Nursing Students

## **Methodology Continued**

- Tool
  - The Disability Attitudes in Health Care (DHAC)
- Interventions
  - Lectures
    - o Introductory
    - Specific practices
  - Simulation
    - Two Simulation Scenarios
  - Personal narratives



- Simulation portion of project led by two Certified Healthcare Simulation Educators (CHSEs)
- Planning
  - Principal Investigator (PI) and CHSEs
  - Parameters
    - Outcomes and Objectives
    - Scenario Development



- International Association for Clinical Simulation & Learning (INACSL) Standards for Best Practice
  - Guided Simulation
- Simulations
  - Two Scenarios
    - $\circ$  Visual
    - Hearing



- Scenario Selection
  - Advancing Care Excellence for Persons with Disabilities (ACE.D)
    - $\circ$  Developed by National
      - League of Nursing (NLN)
- Preparing for Simulations
  - Facilitation
- Conducting Simulations
  - Implementation



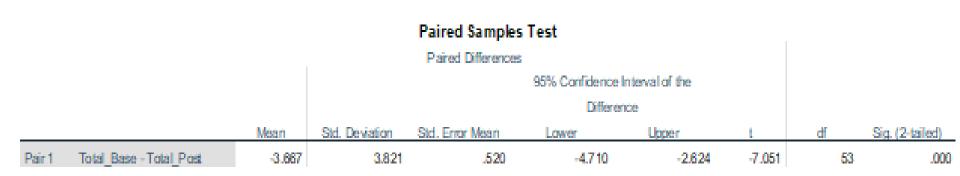
- Debriefing
  - Plus-Delta
- •Lessons Learned
  - Grant Writing Process
  - Tool Selection
  - Limiting Factors



- Debriefing
  - Plus-Delta

#### Results

# Paired Samples Statistics Mean N Std. Deviation Std. Error Mean Pair 1 Total\_Base 72.17 54 5.548 .755 Total\_Post 75.83 54 5.354 .729



The Disability Attitudes in Health Care questionnaire was asked to a total of 54 participants before and after the intervention. Among 17 questions (items), Question 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, and 17 were reversed coded later since the questions have negative attitudes to the disability. The total score of 17 questions were compared between before and after the intervention using paired t test at the 0.05 significance level.

From the results above, there is statistically significant difference from baseline (pre) to post-intervention (post) in total score (t = 7.051, p < 0.001). The average score was increased from 72.17 (SD = 5.55) to 75.83 (SD = 5.35). The mean difference between pre- and post-intervention was 3.667 (SD = 3.82). Therefore, we can conclude that there was increase of the total score after the intervention with significance level,  $\alpha = 0.05$ .



#### **Lessons Learned**

- Grant Writing Process
- Tool Selection
- Limiting Factors

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