Institution Profile:

Overview: Hinds Community College, the largest community college in the state of Mississippi, is a comprehensive educational institution, accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Hinds serves approximately 32,000 students in academic, career/technical, workforce, secondary, and adult education programs each year. Since 1917, Hinds has provided quality educational programs that are convenient and affordable. With six locations, the college draws students from every county in Mississippi and ranks as the fourth largest institution of higher learning in the state.

Accreditation: Hinds Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the Associate of Arts degree, the Associate of Applied Science degree, and Technical and Career certificates.

Founded: 1917 | Web site: https://www.hindscc.edu/

Highlights:

- Lippincott® PassPoint helps instructors assess students’ readiness and prepare them for the NCLEX® exam experience.
- With PassPoint integrated throughout Hinds’ NCLEX preparation course, instructors can identify individual weaknesses and work with each student to meet their learning needs.
- Use of PassPoint has increased NCLEX pass rates and resulted in a 100% pass rate for the Fall 2017 semester.

Challenges

Hinds Community College’s nursing program was not producing sufficient NCLEX scores to meet accreditation requirements. The faculty tried a variety of strategies but could not gauge their effectiveness. They needed an NCLEX preparation solution that could:

- Help instructors assess students’ strengths and weaknesses
- Integrate seamlessly with other teaching tools and course materials
- Improve NCLEX pass rates and enhance student retention to achieve program completion

Solutions

Lippincott PassPoint is a proven online NCLEX preparation solution that allows students to take adaptive exams. Schools using PassPoint report:

- PassPoint is the only online solution that allows students to take practice quizzes in individual topics and adaptive, unlimited simulated NCLEX exams.
- By identifying students’ individual weaknesses, PassPoint helps instructors reduce students’ anxiety and enhance their test-taking confidence.
- Schools using PassPoint report NCLEX pass rates 12% higher than the national average.

Results

Integrating PassPoint into the Hinds Community College nursing program enabled instructors to meet short-term and long-term NCLEX pass rate goals.

- NCLEX pass rates in Hinds’ Generic Option improved from 87.5% to 94.34% in the first year of PassPoint use.
- Hinds’ Generic Option December 2017 cohort achieved a 100% NCLEX pass rate!

When faculty use the resources, students will use them. When students use them with faculty assistance, they are better prepared for class and their learning improves exponentially. The initial outcomes from PassPoint usage has shown an increase in student graduation rates and NCLEX pass rates.

-Audrey Murray, Nursing Program Director at Hinds Community College