

## **Affordable Learning Implementation Grant Report**

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Originally, I had planned to use a textbook from the Open Resource Library available online instead of the print textbook that I had traditionally used for Nursing Research (N 493). I identified several possible texts but also worked with Sylvia Orner to identify texts that would be available electronically through the Weinberg Memorial Library at no cost to the students. After reviewing several possibilities, I chose to use the following electronic book (e-book), which is available at no cost to the students: Boswell, C., & Cannon, S. (2022). *Introduction to nursing research: Incorporating evidence-based practice*. Jones & Bartlett Learning. The e-book covered the same material that the previous textbook did, with few exceptions. I used class activities, worksheets, and articles to enhance student understanding of concepts.

Student feedback on the use of the electronic resources, including the textbook was very positive. I sent an anonymous survey to the students regarding the use of the e-resources and all students agreed that they would prefer to use a cost-free electronic text rather than a purchased textbook. Almost all agreed that they accessed the e-book as much as they would have accessed a hard copy or purchased e-book, and almost all found the e-book easy and convenient to access. All of the students recommended the use of the cost-free e-book for future courses. Additionally, written comments about the use of the e-book were very positive (see below).

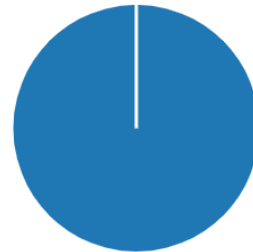
Based on the feedback from the students, I will continue to use cost-free resources whenever possible. I strongly believe that as teaching tools and supplementary sources, cost-free resources are just as valuable as those that students would have to purchase. In fact, the electronic resources seemed to be more useful and more easily accessible for students.

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1. I prefer to use a free resource rather than buying a textbook (0 point)

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● Agree	18
● Disagree	0



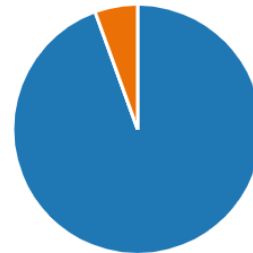
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2. The electronic access to the e-book through the library was convenient (0 point)

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● Agree	17
● Disagree	1



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3. I accessed the e-book as much as I would have accessed a purchased textbook (0 point)

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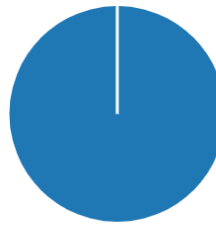
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4. I would recommend continued use of the cost-free text for nursing research class in the future (0 point)

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● Yes 18  
● No 0



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5. Please provide any comments, suggestions, or other feedback about using the cost-free e-book for nursing research

6 Responses

1	anonymous	Easy access and had the info I needed to do well in the class
2	anonymous	It was actually very helpful to not have to buy a textbook
3	anonymous	i think cost free is the better option overall for college students, it's less of a hassle to access than buying through the bookstore, and convenient for a class that's one semester long
4	anonymous	The use of a free e-textbook was so convenient and helpful.
5	anonymous	Thank you for the cost-free e-book! It was definitely useful in terms of saving money and also being easily accessible (as opposed to having to lug around a physical textbook!)
6	anonymous	this was amazing!

