

Bisk and Elsevier to Deliver Best-in-Class Content, Digital Learning and Online Program Management for Nursing Programs

First collaboration of its kind will help universities meet demand for nursing programs

TAMPA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ --Bisk, a global leader in online education, and Elsevier, a global leader in research publishing and information analytics, today announced a strategic partnership to deliver online nursing curriculum for degree-seeking students at universities across North America.



It is expected 1.2 million new registered nurses will be needed by 2030 to address the current nursing shortage, which is attributed to an aging population, longer lifespans, and the increase in retirements among nurses and nurse educators. With universities facing faculty and clinical site shortages, nursing applicants may be unable to complete their degree programs. The strategic partnership with Bisk and Elsevier will enhance the solutions available to nursing programs and will help address the capacity constraints by making these programs available to universities.

"This partnership will offer an exceptional experience and create a destination of learning for students interested in pursuing careers in the nursing field," said Dr. Jennifer King, Executive Director of Academic Success for Bisk. "Bisk will power unique and impactful nursing programs that offer Elsevier course materials and assessment solutions."

With Bisk's expertise in online program management helping universities market, recruit, enroll and retain students into online degree programs coupled with Elsevier's innovative curriculum, quality content and strong brand equity, this partnership will meet the specific needs and goals of universities to address the healthcare industry's real-time challenge. Programs, courses and clinicals will be uniquely designed with flexible learning options to attract students in specific regions where the nursing shortage is greatest and offer clinical experiences regardless of location. Universities interested in these programs can <u>contact Bisk</u> for more information.

"We are excited about combining Elsevier's world-class content, digital tools and analytics with Bisk's exceptional online program management to better serve nursing students across the country," said Brent Gordon, Managing Director, Nursing & Health Education at Elsevier. "Together, we'll offer a turnkey, best-in-class online learning environment for nursing programs to help address the nursing shortage, improve learning outcomes and practice readiness for future health professionals."

Nursing programs have traditionally been resistant to online programming because of the clinical requirements — physical contact with patients and bedside skills — needed for contemporary nursing practice. In 2019 it was reported that out of 1,114 undergraduate nursing programs in the U.S. only 52% offered online learning. COVID has proven to higher education that learning and hands-on skills can be taught in the online space, and this holds true for nursing programs. Programs require expansion from brick-and-mortar degree programs to online learning programs to attract and graduate students.

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