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Presentation Objectives

- Review benefits of skills gained from doing poster presentation projects.
- * Discuss a creative alternative to the traditional research paper assignment.
- * Explore moving poster presentations into the Online Classroom.
- * Review benefits of using Blackboard®'s Learning System wikis.

An Authentic Learning Experience

A poster project can be considered as "an authentic learning experience" one that encourages students to do research, practice writing and presentation skills while prompting them to think and visually organize content.

Hall & Sczerba, 2014

Assigning Poster Presentations in the F2F Classroom

- Poster board and tri-fold poster projects are a popular way of assessing students' knowledge of a subject by having them research, write, think, organize and present a topic.
- * They are used by instructors as a creative alternative to the traditional, research paper assignment.

Skills Acquired from Creating Posters

Poster projects encourage students to:

- * Conduct research
- * Practice writing and presenting skills
- * Synthesize and distill materials
- * Visually organize and arrange content

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Looking for Alternative Assignments

- * Fall 2015 taught a New Hospice and Palliative Care Course
- * Asked to find/develop unique innovative materials
- * Looking for an assignment that would still encourage skills gained from writing papers (researching and synthesizing materials) and also encourage additional creative skills, with real-world applications.

Alternatives to Traditional Papers

* What kind of projects or assignments have you assigned in place of a traditional research paper?

Skills Gained from Creating a Poster

- * Researching a topic
- * Using scholarly resources
- * Synthesizing ideas
- * Writing thoughts down on paper/poster
- * Organizing content according to guidelines
- * Thinking how to visually representing information
- * Using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation

Posters Develop Real-World Skills

- * Posters are used in business settings to convey information and statistics.
- * Posters are also used at professional conferences to share research projects and new ideas.
- * The ability to generating a clear, readable, informative and organized poster presentation is one may be required in future business or professional settings.

Advantages to Presenting Virtual Posters at Conferences

- * Include dynamic, multimedia elements
- * Reach a worldwide audience
- * Reduce printing and travel costs
- Eliminate travel time
- * Allow for asynchronous viewing
- Potential for synchronous viewing
- * Present posters online

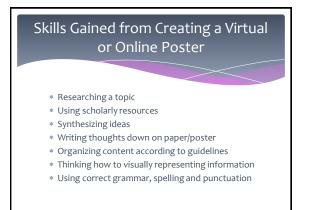


"Portraits of Uganda: Providing Palliative Care Patients and Their Families with Personal Photographs" presented by first year University of Washington medical student Sean Bernfeld, 2013.

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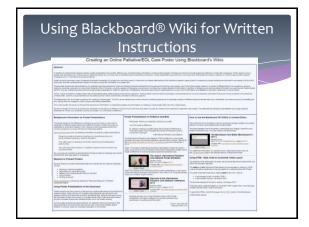


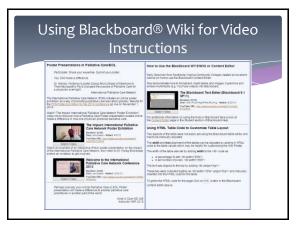




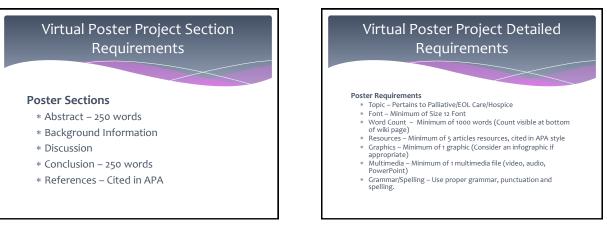


- * In this online "canvas" students can
- * Design unique, dynamic online posters
- * Format text
- * Add images
- * Embed web links
- * Embed videos, slides and other mash-ups.

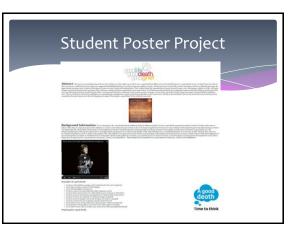




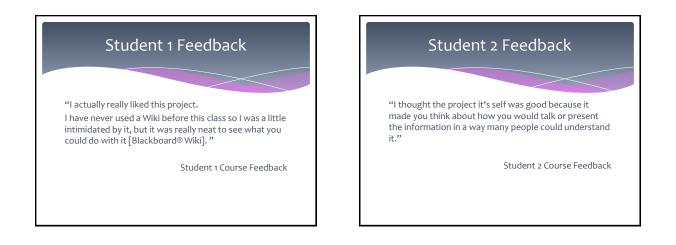
Potential Choices for Organizing Wiki Elements Used in the Instruction's Virtual Poster Virtual Poster Presentations * Table - for organizing materials * Explain to an audience about the need for Hospice * Text - size, font (12 for paragraph, 14 for titles) and Palliative Care. * Text style - bold, italics * Teach a Palliative or Hospice Care Topic. * Images - as illustrations * Choose a common problem in Hospice Care and * Lines - to further separate sections of the table Provide a solution(s). * Hyperlinks - out to online resources (external links) * Present a Case Study. * Hyperlinks - out to other Wiki pages (internal) * Embedded media (Mash-ups) - YouTube clips * Insert Files - attach helpful resources

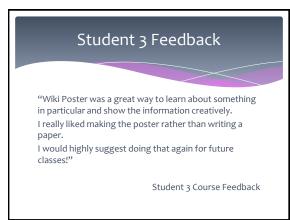


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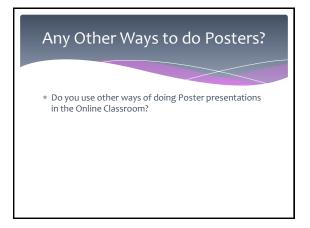
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Applying the Poster Project in Other LMS Courses

* While this assignment was done in Blackboard® using their wiki, any other learning management system that has WYSIWIG/tool bar editing capabilities with the capabilities of embedding images and videos could be used for assigning this Online Poster Project.



Thank You for Participating



