

On September 28th. I attended the National League of Nursing Summit conference in Baltimore Maryland. I received 11 (CEU's) continued education units, which are required to maintain my license in nursing. The conference proved to be very helpful to me in fulfilling my project plans and evaluating my efforts. There were health educators from all over the United States who came there to share their research and projects they were working on.

A display hall was available to participants. I could meet with the people or person who was doing work in the area of my interest. One display really caught my interest. The participant had done research on collaborative learning groups. My learning tool required that the students be divided into groups of approximately 15 students. I was interested in learning about her project unfortunately, she was not available during the times I was to discuss her project.

An area was dedicated to individuals who had new and innovative merchandise for sale. The educators could receive information on the equipment, software, texts etc.. Many nursing schools have virtual hospital facilities. The equipment they used was there and I could circulate around and sales representatives would talk about the product. I met with a man who agreed to sit down with me and help me on some web based software I have used in my project. This experience was wonderful he answered a lot of questions I had.

The sessions we attended were exciting. Groups of individuals were working together to bring innovative techniques and technology into the class room. The goals of my project were to improve student learning, increase student retention, and bring technology into the classroom. One session I was particularly interested in gave criteria on evaluating technology. The speakers addressed the issues that were concerning me in my project such as: identifying the challenges of using technology in my program, implementing new technology and the need to work the bugs out, and the need to get faculty involved thereby alleviating their fears when using technology. Another session that was equally important to my project was called "Using Technology to improve student success". Four ladies presented the material. Each had worked on portions of the project. They accommodated individual learning styles in their project. I have tried to do this too. In this session they shared clinical simulation scenarios. A couple of the ladies in this department have already used lab simulations and these scenarios will possibly give them some ideas.