

Tips for Developing an Effective Teaching Presentation When Applying for a Nurse Educator Position

Many schools of nursing ask candidates for nurse educator positions to demonstrate a short teaching presentation. The intent of this teaching demonstration is primarily to demonstrate your potential or your current ability to be an effective educator. These tips provided below will help you prepare for this presentation.

Before the Presentation:

- Ask if there are any guidelines related to this teaching demonstration, such as the focus of the presentation, who might attend, and any time limits. Some programs might have you do a teaching demonstration to other nursing faculty while others might include faculty, staff, and students.
- Guide the development of your presentation to the audience.
- Avoid just doing a PowerPoint presentation – include an active learning strategy. Search “active learning strategies” or “classroom assessment techniques” to explore a potential strategy or two to add into your presentation to engage the learner.
- If you do plan to use a PowerPoint presentation, search out some best practices for PowerPoint presentations.
- Practice your presentation to improve your comfort and to stay within the time limit.
- Think about potential questions participants may ask about your presentation and be prepared with an answer.
- Use clear wording just like you would with patient education. Not all the participants in the room have an understanding of your content area.

During the Presentation:

- Avoid reading off the PowerPoint; face your audience as you present. Talk to your audience, not to your notes.
- Calm down! Remember that all the nurse educators in the room were once novice educators themselves.
- Look directly at the audience and make sure you are inclusive in addressing each part of the room.