

# eTools for Nursing Schools

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## EDVANCE360 NURSING SCHOOL NEWS

### Spotlight on Partner: Oncology Nursing Society

Edvance360 is proud to announce that we are now partnered with the **Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)**. ONS is the largest professional oncology association in the world, with over 37,000 registered nurses and other healthcare providers.

ONS provides continuing nursing education, among many other things, for nurses all over the world, keeping

them up-to-date on the latest information that affects oncology nurses and their patients.

ONS also has a Publishing Division that aids nurses and other healthcare providers gain knowledge about cancer care.

To find out more about ONS, visit their website: [www.ons.org](http://www.ons.org).

### Learning Outcomes within Nursing Schools

Edvance360 has released a new Learning Outcomes Management tool that provides administrators and educators with an easy way to implement curriculum in a manner that parallels, tracks, and assesses progress on learning objectives.

#### How does this affect nursing schools?

Accrediting bodies often require institutions to outline their goals on multiple levels. Administrators and educators in nursing schools must identify goals for the campus, programs, courses, and individual students. These goals are then connected to one another and the curriculum or course content itself.

In the past, matching these goals to academic curriculum has been a challenging process. Educators often specify learning objectives in their syllabi, but these objectives are often not easily measured—especially when dealing with clinicals. It can become challenging for educators to see how well students perform against outlined objectives.

Now, with the release of Learning Outcomes in Edvance360, educators can easily align objectives/goals with curriculum, track of how well students are progressing, and print reports demonstrating objectives met.

For more information about learning outcomes, contact Cathy Garland at [cathy.garland@edvance360.com](mailto:cathy.garland@edvance360.com).

“We chose Edvance360 as our LMS because it was the best value for the money.

Edvance360 had all the features we needed to take us online with our course content, connect our students and faculty, and manage our course evaluations all at a price that fits well into our budget. The program is intuitive and has a very professional look. It is web-based and requires no special IT support or hardware. The support staff at Edvance360 are very friendly and helpful, and that is a key component of any program's success. I recommend Edvance360 to any nursing school wanting to switch to a more affordable LMS or evaluating the benefits of one.”

— **Carla Hilton, Covenant School of Nursing**

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**Edvance360 LMS-SN** was developed to enable schools to afford to host online courses, offer hybrid courses, and make residential courses more effective.

Edvance360 LMS-SN emphasizes the concept of learning-centered tools that build relationships, make learning more effective, and utilize new technology to benefit students, staff, and instructors while still maintaining an easy-to-use interface.

For more information on how Edvance360 LMS-SN can benefit your nursing school, please visit our website: [www.edvance360.com/nursing](http://www.edvance360.com/nursing).

## New Tools

**Mailbox Update:** Users will now have the option of replying to all recipients, adding contact groups, customizing an email signature, marking messages as urgent, attaching multiple files to a message, and more.

**Common Cartridge:** With Common Cartridge, users will be able to use learning objects created by publishers or exports from other LMS vendors to auto-populate resources, course lessons, tests, discussions, HTML pages etc.

**Student Calendar:** The student calendar automatically displays any upcoming tests, Dropbox assignments due, and lesson items due for students. This populates their current Weekly Calendar on their Home Page as well as their Personal Calendar. S

**Note:** We have received a number of feature requests this fall and we appreciate all the great feedback. There is still more to come! 🐬

## March eTools

Don't forget to register for our free webinar: "eTools for Nursing Schools"!

- March 17th
- 1 PM Eastern Time.
- Attendees will learn how to use the latest eLearning tools in their classes/clinicals.

## ePortfolios: Let me Count the Ways

A portfolio is simply a collection of a student's work that shows progress towards, and the achievement of, specific learning objectives. Portfolios have been used in the learning field for years to build students' repertoires and track their learning progress.

***As technology evolves, there is a stronger need for internet-based portfolios.***

Students can produce their work

in any number of file types (e.g. videos, PowerPoints, etc.) and link them with other work, comments from instructors, class projects, etc. In Edvance360 LMS, this can be easily accessible through **ePortfolios**.

Also, over the years, there has been a shift from a "final product" to a focus on the thinking and planning process that causes the final product. Since today's learning environment constitutes students learning through rela-

tionships, documenting interactions from e-mail, blogs, wikis, chats, etc. can be used as evidence of their learning. ePortfolios are exceptional tools that allow unlimited possibilities to have a conglomeration of work that is easy to access. 🐬

Do you have any suggestions? If so, contact Kristen Suggs at [kristen.suggs@edvance360.com](mailto:kristen.suggs@edvance360.com).