

Web learning improves nurses' triage skills

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James A. Rankin, R.N., Ph.D., from the University of Calgary in Canada, and colleagues randomized 132 RNs to an <u>intervention group</u> or control group. All RNs received the same content and learning activities, but the experimental group had a mandatory tutorial, received marks for online discussion, and completed a workplace project. Chart audits and interviews were used to assess data.

The researchers found that the Web course provided a standardized and effective <u>educational experience</u> that enhanced emergency nurses' triage accuracy. The experimental group's mandatory online tutorial, online discussion, and workplace project increased the RNs' preparation for



online learning, and these interventions were successful in transferring triage learning to practice.

"Web learning can help professionals maintain competency and support professional practice," the authors write.

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