Non Medical Prescribing Course -



Nurse Prescribing Course -

"We needed more time on each aspect [of Pharmacology] until factors were absorbed and understood!!"

"I have always struggled with 'biology' etc so its not the lecturers' fault that I do not understand the sessions. I will revise at my own pace."

 developed RLOs incorporating high quality graphics and audio to help students understand core pharmacology concepts

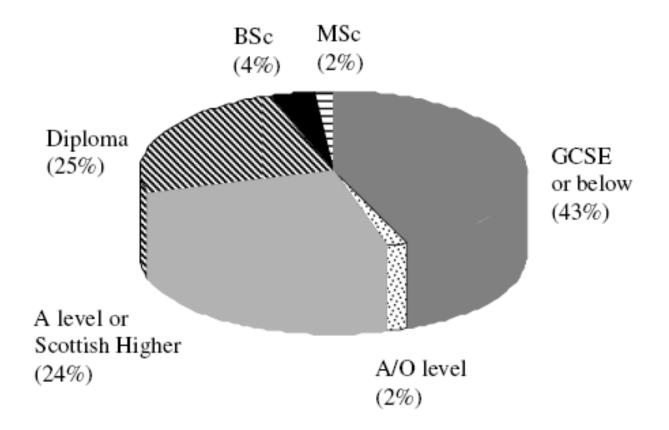
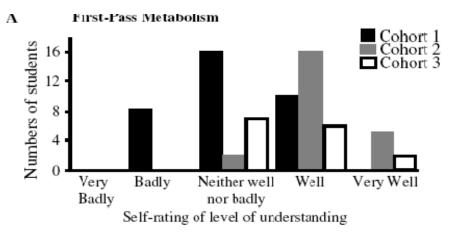


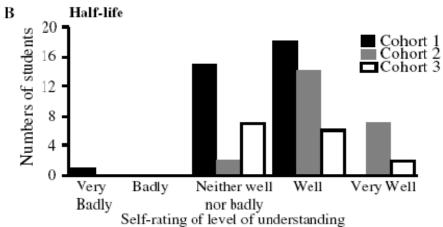
Figure 1
Highest Biological Science Qualifications. Highest Biological Science qualifications of students on Nurse Prescribing Course. Combined data from September 03 and January 04 cohorts (70 students).

Pharmacology RLOs



Exploring the synapse First pass metabolism Understanding half life Understanding bioavailability The lock & key hypothesis Excretion of drugs in the kidney Drug metabolism in the liver Agonists and antagonists Drugs acting at the synapse Plasma proteins in drug binding





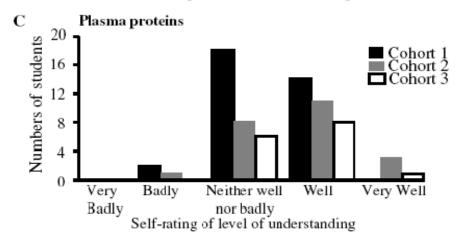


Table 7: Comparison of ratings of understanding of pharmacology concepts.

RLO Number	RLO Title	Chi Square	'p" value
1	Exploring the synapse	8.6	0.014
2	Bioavailability	16.5	0.001
3	Half-life of drugs	15.1	0.001
4	Understanding First Pass Metabolism	24.2	0.001
5	Lock and Key hypothesis	5.9	0.053
6	Plasma proteins and drug distribution	3.9	0.142
7	The kidneys and drug excretion	13.7	0.001
8	The liver and drug metabolism.	10.1	0.007

Kruskal Wallis test to compare the ratings of perceived understanding of each pharmacology concept between the 3 cohorts of students (2 degrees of freedom).



Table 5: Student ratings of media attributes and size of RLOs.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A or missing
The images and animations were valuable components of the RLO	48%	45%	5%	1%	0%	1%
The on-screen text was useful and helped me assess the amount of information each section contained.	28%	54%	9%	1%	0%	9%
The RLO took longer to complete than expected	6%	19%	23%	37%	15%	0%
The narration made the RLO more engaging. I preferred this to text alone	32%	44%	7%	7%	0%	14%



Table 4: Student ratings of usability of RLOs.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A or missing
The RLO was easy to use	39%	53%	4%	2%	0%	2%
The RLO was easy to navigate. I felt in control	42%	51%	4%	2%	0%	2%
The RLO was well structured and easy to follow	47%	47%	4%	1%	0%	1%
I liked the look and feel of the RLO	34%	47%	14%	3%	1%	2%

Percentage of students (cohort 2 and cohort 3) rating the pharmacology RLOs in terms of statements relating to usability.

Table 8: Ranking of RLOs against other learning resources.

Learning Resource	Average Rank
Lecture notes	1.4
Text books	1.8
RLOs	2.9
Journals	4. I
Web resources	4.6
CAL	5.2

Students ranking of RLOs against other resources to support pharmacology learning (n = 11 students)

Table 3: Students perceptions of the impact on their practice of RLO learning in pharmacology.

Question I	Do you recall/Did you use the RLOs that supported the course/Did you have any problems accessing them?
Question 2	What properties of the RLOs helped your learning? (prompt media components. Verbal, visual, diagrams, animations)
Question 3	Have you used the RLOs again? (when, how often?)
Question 4	Have they had any impact on your practice?
Question 5	Do you see any value in this method of teaching pharmacology?
Question 6	Have you used other RLOs?
Question 7	Have you recommended the RLOs to others?
Question 8	Would you like to see more developed? What topics would you like to see developed as RLOs?
Question 9	Do you have any suggestions for improvements of the RLOs
Question 10	Do you feel confident in your understanding of the pharmacology of the drugs you prescribe?
Question II	What is your highest biological science qualification?

Questions explored in the telephone interviews of nurse prescribing students one year after completing the course.

Do you recall/did you use RLOs during the course?

'Recall vividly, really brilliant, absolutely brilliant' Participant 83 (male)

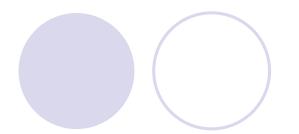
'I just thought they were very good' Participant 44 (female)

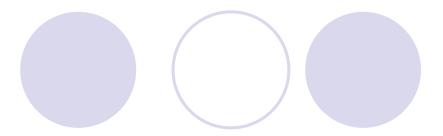
Have they had any impact on your practice?

'Reinforced need to take drugs regularly due to my understanding of half-lives eg paracetamol' Cohort 2

'I feel the increase in RLOs will be very useful, I have used these a lot as part of my revision programme – as they help to visualise and interpret different concepts' Cohort 2

'I have been less impulsive in prescribing decisions, I am more likely to try alternative measures first, rather than just advising medication as I would have done in the past, particularly in the elderly' Cohort 3



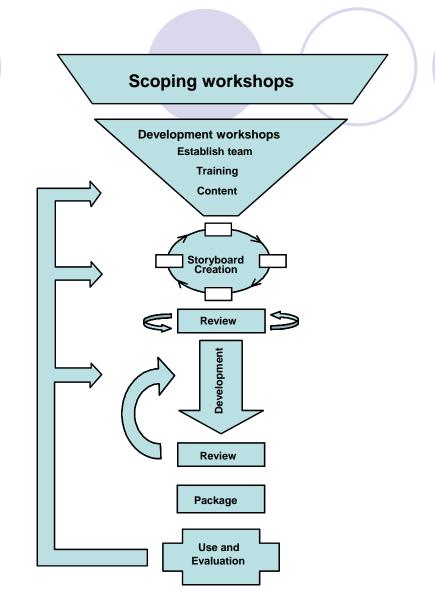


RLO Development









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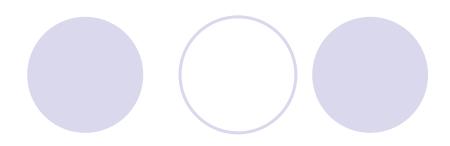
- Miniprojects
- Team-orientated
- Supported
- Workshops
- Communication



Content Development

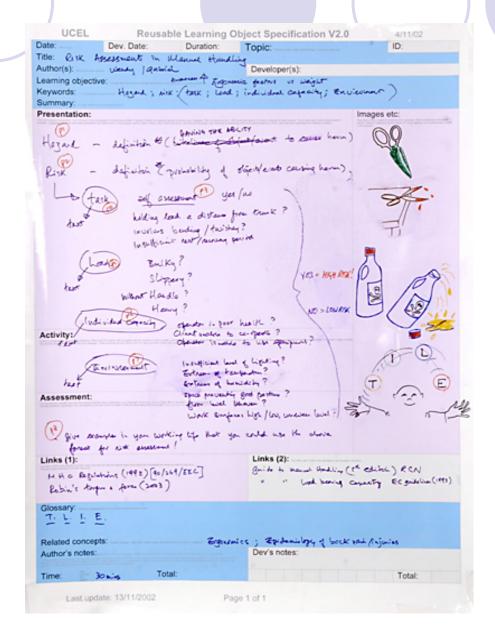


RLO specification

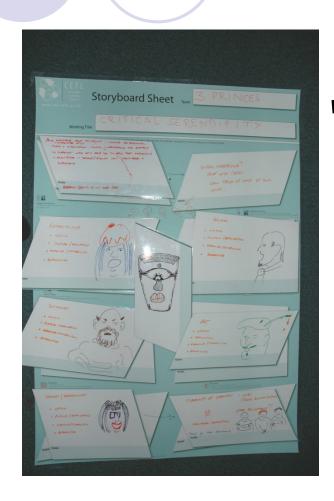


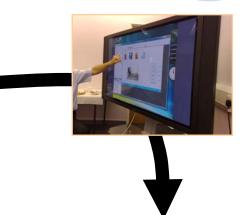
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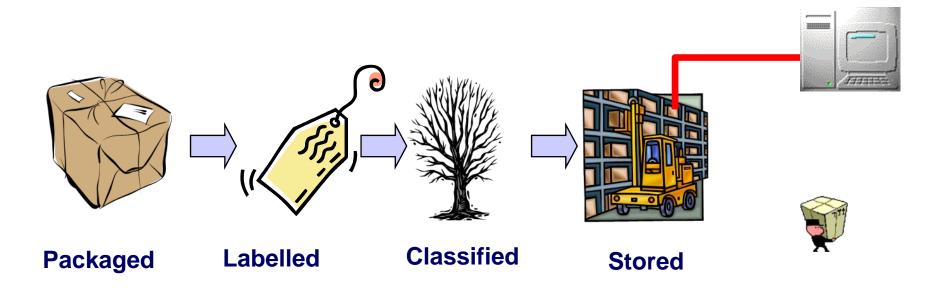
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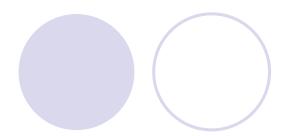


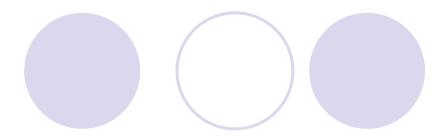




Storage, use & reuse of RLOs





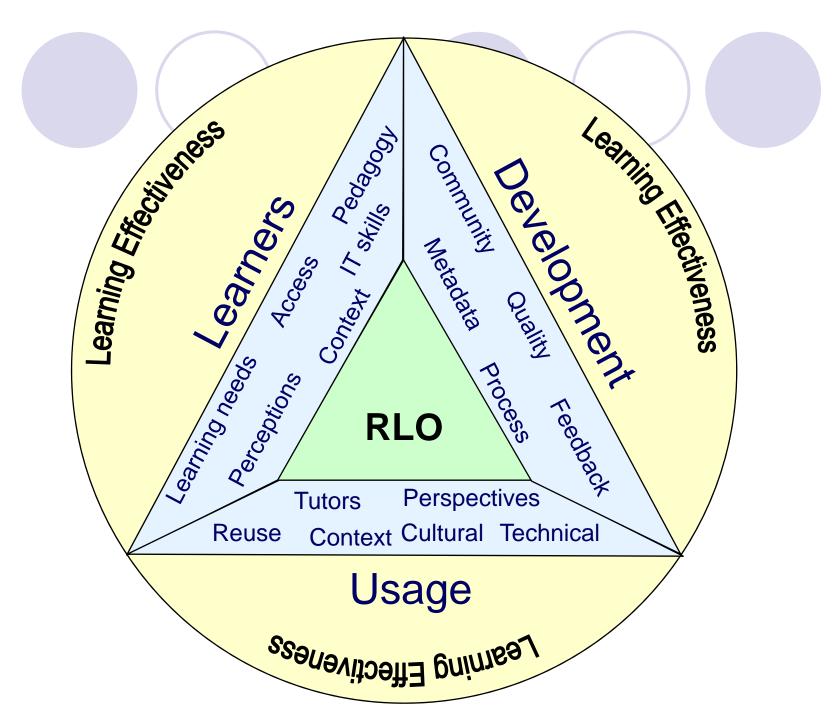


Evaluation Methods





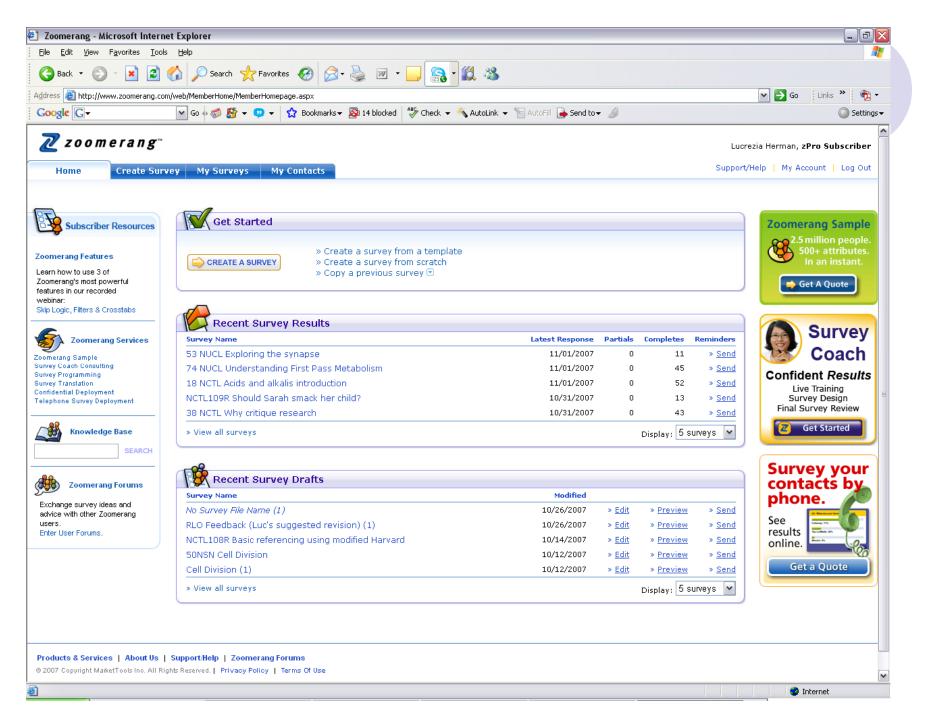




Evaluation toolkit

- Electronic feedback for each RLO
- Student questionnaire RLO feedback
- "Context of learning forms"
- Effectiveness of learning form
- Student focus groups
- Tutor interviews
- Cross case analysis tools
- LO community evaluation tools

Available at www.rlo-cetl.ac.uk



Health 'RLO' communities

- Groups of HE lecturers (IP), 1 or 2 students, learning technologist, (graphic artist)
 - EBP, A&P, Practice skills, Pharmacology......
- LOLA cross sector HE, FE lecturers and NHS Trust
- ELI Trust education development officers and trainers (NHS III) – service improvement RLOs
- SHOULD Student generated RLOs Learning disability nursing students
- Home Ventilation Respiratory unit consultant, nurses, carers and users
- HIS infection control staff hand hygiene RLO for patients and relatives
- Critical care Trust staff health and safety RLOs

SHOULD Project – EdgeHill 2008



More information

- Free RLOs and project info
 www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing/sonet
 www.rlo-cetl.ac.uk
- Sharing Learning Objects in Health
 - March 24th 2009
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