

Name of Technology

Blogger

Definition of Technology

A blog is a personal diary. A daily pulpit. A collaborative space. A political soapbox. A breaking-news outlet. A collection of links. In simple terms, a blog is a web site, where you write stuff on an ongoing basis. New stuff shows up at the top, so when you visit the site you can read what's new. Then you may comment on it or link to it or email it.

Directions for Students

We will be utilizing Blogger to discuss concepts that relate to Diversity and Mental Health.

First you must subscribe:

1. Go to www.blogger.com
2. In order to access your blogs you must first create a Google account if you don't already have one
3. If you have a Google account please go to the next step. If you don't have an account you will find a box in the right lower corner, please click on "create an account now". You must fill in all of the required info and at the bottom make sure to "Accept the Terms of Service"
4. You will receive an email inviting you to a private Blog titled Diversity and Mental Health, please click on the link and this will take you to the Blogger site. Then you must enter your username and password
5. Once you have entered the site click on the link that I have attached and read the article titled: "Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General"
<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/mentalhealth/chapter2/sec8.html>
6. After you read the article click on "comments" (next to the pencil) and please post a comment in the box regarding your reaction to this article. After typing your response click on the "Post Comment" box.

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Suggested Use for Technology (my discipline)

I believe that Blogs can be useful in any of the nursing courses. They can be used after class to expand on key concepts that were discussed previously in class or they can be used to discuss material prior to class. This may allow students who typically are afraid to speak up in the f2f class an opportunity to express themselves. Additionally, there are a number of Gadgets that may be added to the blog. Some of the more interesting ones include adding photo slideshows using "Flickr" or "Photo Bucket", when using "Video Bar gadget" you can display clips from YouTube and Google Video, use the "Link List gadget" to add a collection sites, blogs or web pages, and using the "Poll" to survey visitors on various topics of discussion. In particular the video Gadget can be quite helpful as an educational tool elucidating examples of specific mental health conditions that the written word does not do justice to. Also, there are excellent videos available demonstrating various nursing procedures. Another great feature of "Blogger" is that you can post a blog by sending a text message from your cell phone, great for the "Millennial" student! It is also available in 41 languages.

Suggested Use for Technology (outside my discipline)

I think that blogs can be utilized by anyone, anywhere, and anytime. Blogs are useful for communicating new ideas and current and relative news, they provide an informal channel of communication and they are great for getting instant feedback. In addition to the "Gadgets" I mentioned above there are many more tools that I feel other disciplines across the college can

incorporate into their courses, they are: [News](#); [Communication](#); [Fun & Games](#); [Finance](#); [Sports](#); [Lifestyle](#); & [Technology](#).