Writing across the Curriculum: How Reliable is our Standardized Rubric?

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Abstract

This project explores interrater reliability of a rubric designed to enable faculty members across the undergraduate nursing curriculum to evaluate student writing using a single tool. Faculty outside of a course will grade de-identified papers using the rubric, followed by focus group discussion. Investigators will review grading discrepancies and the results of the discussion, seeking ways to modify and improve the rubric as a standardized tool.