Passing the CST: Fun Activities to Help Your Students Prepare

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Background



- Moraine Park Technical College
- •Fond du Lac, WI
- •AAS Degree
- Max Students of 10; one cohort/year

Outcomes

- Define methods of learning
- Describe games to enhance learning
- •Identify resources to improve CST scores
- •Evaluate how to implement fun into your classroom

Types of Learners and Learning Styles

Audio

Visual

- Reading/Writing
- Kinesthetic

- Active Learning
- Peer Learning

Data: Active Learning

- •Active Learning:
 - Concentration limit is between 10-20 minutes
 - Study conducted in 2013 by University of Washington Seattle



Data: Peer Instruction

- Eric Mazur; Harvard Physics Instructor
- Utilizing technique for 20 years
- Students understand nearly three times as much information
- Effective in all ranges of study



CST Weekly Study Planner

DATES	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DATES 01/30/17- 02/05-17							
02/06/17- 02/12/17							
02/13/17- 02/19/17							
02/20/17- 02/26/17							
02/27/17- 03/05/17							
03/06/17- 03/12/17							

CST Examination Study Evaluation

NBSTSA CST Examination Outline

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Will the winners lose?

- Create two card sets
 - Scoring Cards
 - Question Cards
- Randomly select teams
- •Place the scoring cards face down in the center between both groups
- Pose the first question to the first person on Team 1
 - Correct answer: pull the top scoring card to determine score
 - Incorrect answer: opposing team is presented the question; if correct, they draw from the scoring cards
- Winning team has the top score after 50 questions were asked

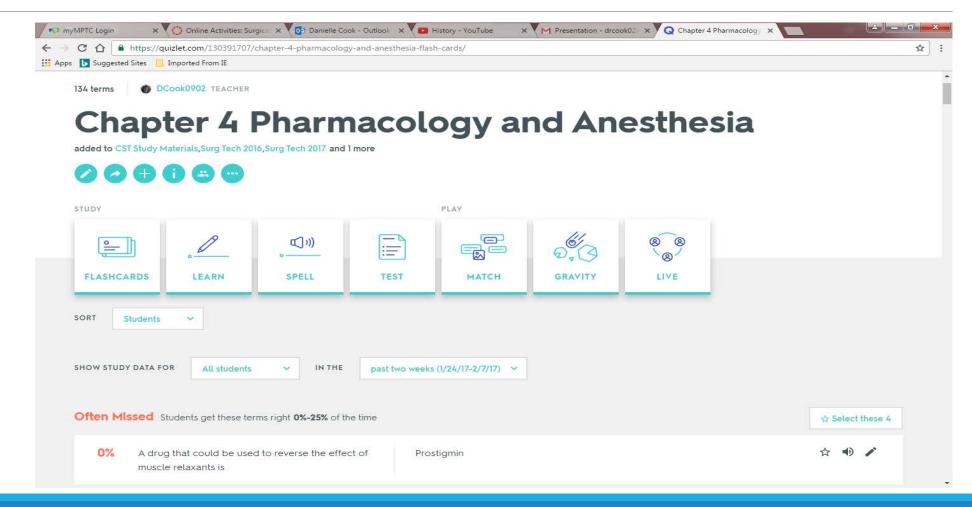
Source: Gary Hopkins; Education World

Survivor

- Randomly select two teams
- •Three challenges; each team must complete the challenges correctly, in order
 - Deciphering a Surgical Schedule (Rogers, Boegli, LaRue, 2013)
 - Pharmacology Matching
 - What's wrong with this picture?
- Envelope
 - Contains puzzle pieces of an instrument
 - Once the puzzle is put together, they must accurately state the name of the instrument and it's use

Quizlet

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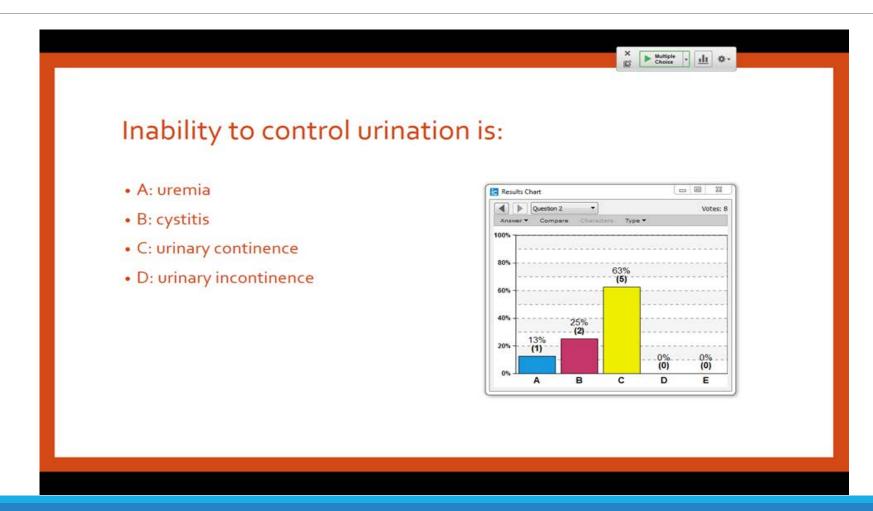
Slap Game



Jeopardy

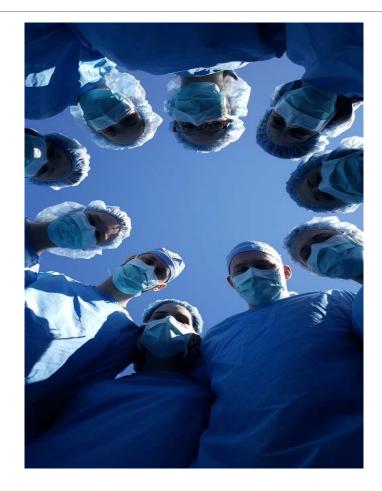
Anatomy & Physiology	Fractures & Repair	Conditions	Instruments & Equipment	Miscellaneous
10 Point	10 Point	10 Point	10 Point	10 Point
20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points
30 Points	30 Points	30 Points	30 Points	30 Points
40 Points	40 Points	40 Points	40 Points	40 Points
50 Points	50 Points	50 Points	50 Points	50 Points

i-Clickers



Peer Learning Activities

- Mystery Picture
- Crossword Puzzles
- Matching
- Word Search
- •i-Clicker
- Jeopardy

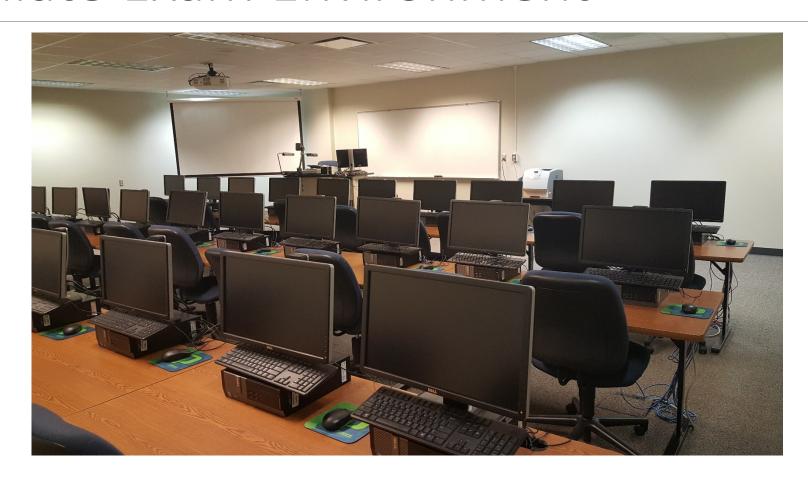


Peer Learning: CST Study Game





Simulate Exam Environment



CST Results: 5 Year Comparison

YEAR	NATIONAL PASS RATE	MPTC PASS RATE
2012	65.7%	81.5%
2013	71.5%	100%
2014	69.8%	81.8%
2015	70%	75%
2016	69.8%	90%

QUESTIONS?

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