

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN THE TEACHING OF DRUG ABUSE COURSE FOR UNDERGRADUATE PHARMACY STUDENTS

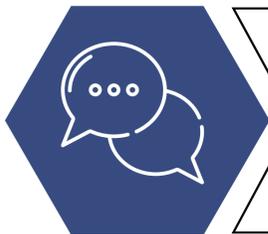
In the coursework project for 'FEL374/2: Drug and Society' offered in undergraduate pharmacy program, experiential learning was used as an innovative approach to promote hands-on learning.

INTRODUCTION

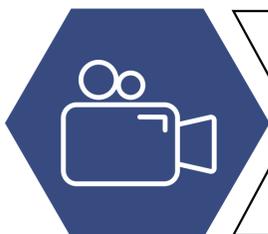
Teaching the subject of drug abuse can be a challenge for educators, due to the stigma and complexity of the problem in society. Experiences and social engagement can be as important as the theories learnt in the classroom.

The learning outcomes for this coursework project are:

- to increase knowledge and understanding on the specific topics related to drug abuse.
- to improve verbal and/or non-verbal communication skills in delivering an engaging method of science communication to the public.



Students interviewed ex-drug abusers or AADK staffs to gain insight into their experiences and perspectives on drug abuse. This information were used as video content.



Various techniques were used in the video production including sketch, documentary, video interview and story-telling, while protecting the identity of the ex-drug users.



All videos were uploaded to a Youtube channel called 'Drug and Society Outreach Project' and are available for viewing worldwide.



VALUE ADDED

- Students are able to gain a better understanding of the challenges faced by those struggling with drug addiction.
- Students are also able to develop important skills such as communication, empathy, and critical thinking.
- The process of interviewing and producing video content helps to boost students' confidence levels.



USEFULNESS

- The videos produced may provide a valuable resource for public education about drug abuse.
- Majority (n=96, 91%) of students claimed that they had the opportunities to enhance social skills (leadership, tolerance, adaptation, etc) through the activities.
- Coursework was claimed to be relevant to the course learning outcomes (n=99, 99%).
- The videos produced can be used by the collaborator, National Antidrug Agency (AADK), Malaysia in their public awareness program and commercials.



RECOGNITION

With the incorporation of experiential learning activities into this course, future pharmacists are better equipped to address the complex challenges of drug abuse and addiction in the country.



Drug and Society Outreach Project
@drugandsocietyoutreachproj8348 297 subscribers
32 videos
This channel is dedicated to a series of educational video...



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GO TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:



Nur Aizati Athirah Daud



Fatimatuzzahra' Abdul Aziz



Salizawati Muhamad Salhimi