



E-Learning Modules: Bringing Health Professions Educational Content to a Broader Audience

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- 1. Introduce the concept and benefits of e-learning modules in health professions education
- 2. Explore the various types of formats of e-learning modules
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Concept & Benefits of e-Learning Modules

Concept

- e-Learning modules are a tool used to guide students through educational content in a controlled order.
- Benefits
 - Potential to reach a larger market¹
 - Potential economic benefits²
 - Educational benefits³
 - Interaction and satisfaction⁴
 - Rich feedback and real-time evaluation⁵
- 1. Bartolic-Zlomislic & Bates, 1999
- 2. Bartley and Golek, 2004
- 3. Guragain, 2016
- 4. Roblyer and Ekhaml, 2001
- 5. Taylor, 2002



Menu

Introduction

Introduction Course Objectives

Instructions

Block Diagram Treatment Head

Treatment Head 2 Electron Treatment Head Build your own LINAC

Build your own Linac

Summative Assessment Final Quiz

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Question 1 Question 2

Question 3 Question 4 Question 5

Exposed LINAC Block Diagram

Reduced Block Diagram 1

Reduced Block Diagram 2

e-Learning Modules in Healthcare

- Health management⁶
- Orientation⁷
- University education⁸
- Training
 - Infectious disease
 - Surgery
 - Regulatory training
 - CPR⁹





100% Virtual Training







Heartsaver® eLearning courses

Heartsaver[®] First Aid CPR AED Training Kit Heartsaver® Feedback App

6. Car et al. 2018
7. Shih et al. 2013
8. Syed et al. 2021
9. American Heart Association





Comparing e-Learning to Traditional Methods

- Review of trial registers on e-Learning in 2016 yielded the conclusion that "when compared to traditional learning methods, e-Learning may make little to no difference in patient outcomes or health professionals behaviors, skills or knowledge"¹⁰
 - Review of 16 randomized trials involving 5679 healthcare professionals.
- When presented with the same learning materials in each style, the e-Learning arm showed improved mean knowledge score.¹¹⁻¹⁴

10 Vaona et al. (2018) 11 Moazami et al (2014) 12 Silva et al (2023) 13 Unger et al (2023) 14 Ketev et al (2023)



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- Game-based learning
- Micro-content
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Micro-content



	E-LEARNING VS	
	Can be completed anywhere with an internet connection. Anytime a learner is free-progress is saved.	Learners have to be available at the same time and be the same place.
	Complete at your own pace. Don't rush to keep up with people around you.	Trainer can focus more on particular topics depending on group needs.
٠	Overhead costs are reduced (no travel time, accommodations etc.)	May cost a lot for accommodation and getting to the training venue.
6	lf you are unsure about something, you can go back over it again and again.	You can ask questions at the time of the training.
_	Content is engaging and interactive.	Ideal if the learner group aren't confident using computers.



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Simulations



Simulated Patient Interaction

This simulation portrays a consultation between you (the physicist) and the patient (Mr. Wood) who is here for his first day of radiosurgery treatment. He has brought a printed list of questions with him. Your goal is to show him the printout of his treatment plan and answer his questions.

During the simulation, view the patient's prompt and select one of two physicist responses. You will then see the consequence of this response, followed by the next prompt and response choice. Once you reach the end of the simulation, you may go back and try a different path or continue on to the assessment quiz.



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Transcript Help

- **1.** Assess what content you'd like to present/adapt as e-Learning
- **2.** Choose the right technology
- 3. Design content
- 4. Integrate
- 5. Feedback and assessment
- 6. Implement changes
- 7. Continuous evaluation



1. Assess what content you'd like to present/adapt as e-Learning

- **a.** Areas students struggle with traditional methods
- **b.** Areas where interactivity would benefit learners
- C. Areas critical to learning objectives or key points





2. Choose the right technology

a) Select ideal format and research means to achieve it







3. Design content

- **a.** Length of content 15 min ideal
- **b.** Engagement hook





- 5. Feedback and assessment¹⁵
- 6. Implement changes
- 7. Continuous evaluation

Increased Perception of Importance

Increased Confidence

Increased Self Evaluation Scores



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• Qualitative Feedback:

- Things the module did well:
 - "[The module] kept things light and created an environment in which I felt safe learning. I appreciated how well the work was contextualized:"
 - "It was nice that the module was interactive because it kept me focused on the content"
- Areas of improvement:
 - Simulation "Some of the options in the simulation felt like neither were correct"
 - "Would love more examples", "expand to more scenarios", "explanation of other situations"



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Radiation Detection & Measurement: <u>https://www.unmc.edu/elearning/egallery/radiation-detection-measurement/</u>

Linear Accelerators: How do they work?: <u>https://www.unmc.edu/elearning/egallery/linear-accelerators-how-do-they-work/</u>

High Dose Rate Brachytherapy Emergency Training: https://www.unmc.edu/elearning/egallery/high-dose-rate-brachytherapy-emergency-training/

