

Faculty



Development

Online vs. Traditional Nursing Education

**ONLINE VS.
TRADITIONAL EDUCATION**
The Answer You Never Expected





- The world is evolving and so is nursing education, from techniques just taught by **elders and mothers, to nursing schools, to nursing education that can be obtained online.**



- Nursing education have come a long way, but wait, **is there a difference between** online and traditional nursing schools/education?



- Are they the **same** or are **some missing out** by choosing one over the other?



Benefits of online education

Flexible in terms of scheduling.

- Online learning provides students who are trying to balance a family, career, and other commitments the opportunity to **earn a degree without forgoing their other interests and obligations.**



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Flexible in terms of scheduling.

- If you are enrolled in an online nursing course, you can take classes you want **without having to worry about scheduling** conflicts.



Wider variety of degrees to choose from

- An online nursing program may also offer a **wider variety of degrees** than a local university.



Wider variety of degrees to choose from

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- This comes in handy especially in rural areas.
- In this sense, you can do your research and enroll in a school with an upright online nursing degree **without having to physically move to the area near that school.**

Asynchronous environment

- With this kind of environment, students can take part at their **convenience** instead of being limited to participating at the designated location and the time when a class is offered.

Asynchronous environment cont..

- For example, students can **normally post their homework and contribute** to discussions when it works best for them.
- This is a particularly important advantage to nurses who work shifts that possibly prevent them from attending traditional classes.

Connection with professionals from different practice settings

- This type of education allows students to associate with classmates and faculty from across the country and even around the world.



Connection with professionals from different practice settings cont...

- Also, nurses have the opportunity to hear about **what's happening** beyond their local area, benefit from the practical experience and knowledge shared by colleagues in other locations.
- They can also **share their own experiences** and challenges with others.

Cons of online education

Accreditation



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- Despite all the advantages mentioned above, students should be **extra careful** when it comes to choosing courses and online schools since there are some that have not been accredited.

Accreditation

- Being in a program which is **not nationally accredited** would not be of help when landing a job in the field



Less hands-on experiences

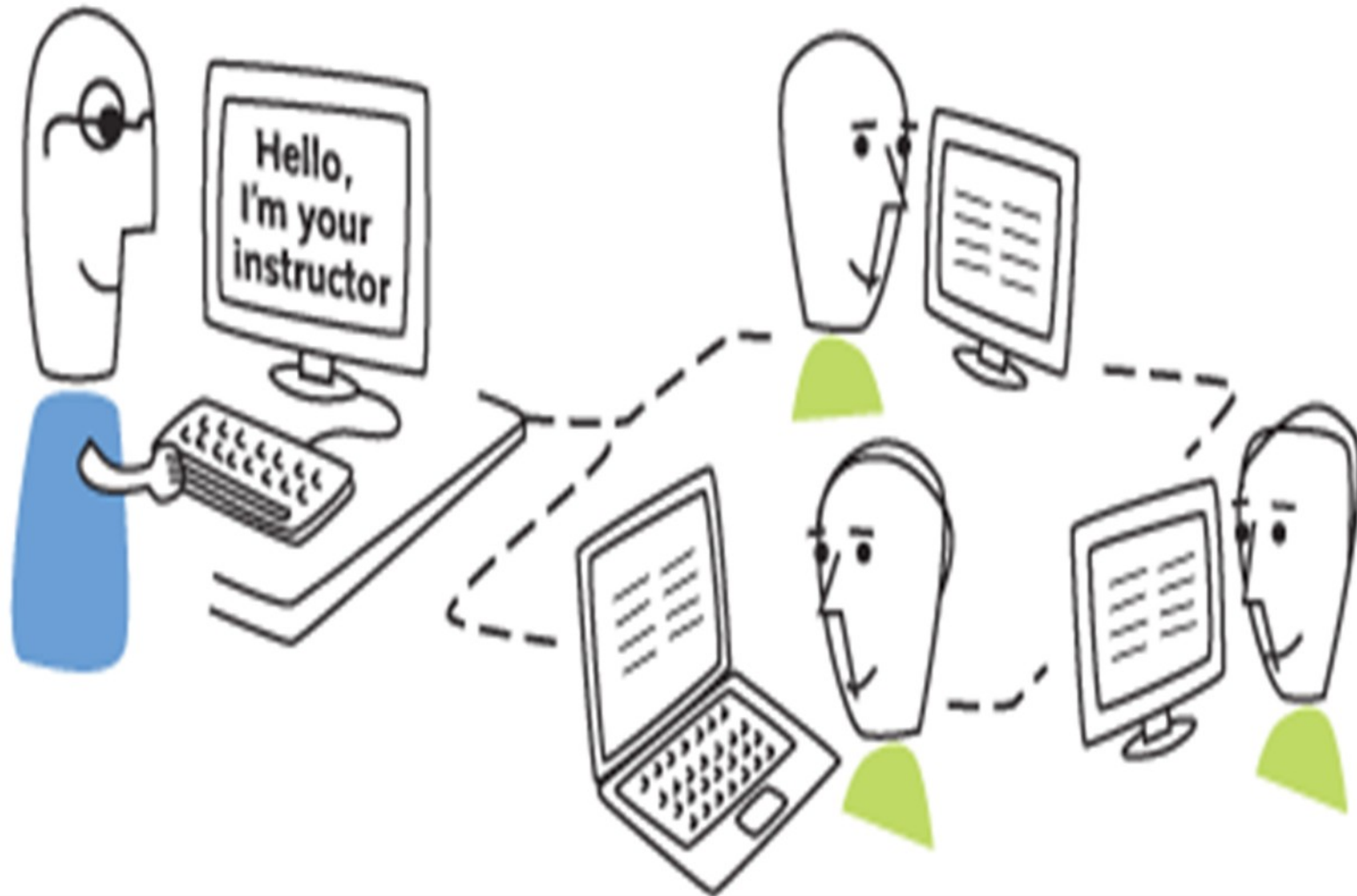
- There are online programs which **do not offer as much hands on experience** as an on-campus degree does, thus also becomes a con when applying for a job.

Less hands-on experiences

- However, there are online schools that help their students find internships or opportunities **for real-world experience.**

Benefits of traditional nursing (on-campus) education

Collaboration with other students within the program



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- You get to interact and collaborate with your classmates.
- Studies show that collaboration is important in understanding concepts and mastering information.

Collaboration with other students within the program

- This may come in the forms of study groups outside the campus and/or **stimulating class discussions** that result to students feeling personally invested in the subject material.

***Easy access to faculty such as
advisors, instructors, and
professors***



Easy access to faculty such as advisors, instructors, and professors cont....

- Students enrolled in traditional nursing programs have access to their professors during scheduled office hours.
- This comes in handy for students who encounter difficulty with specific concepts discussed in class.

Easy access to faculty such as advisors, instructors, and professors

- By approaching professors and asking for clarification regarding the subject matter, you get a better understanding of the concept at hand.



More real-world and hands on experience



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- An example to this is being able to carry out some of the very **nursing procedures** that students would characteristically need to perform on a regular basis when practicing as a **nurse during laboratory classes** such as blood pressure taking, performing CPR and drawing blood.

Cons of traditional nursing (on-campus) education

Not-so-flexible schedule



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- Taking classes on-campus can make for a **hard time when it comes to scheduling classes** that work within one's schedule, usually making it difficult for students to graduate from the program **on time.**

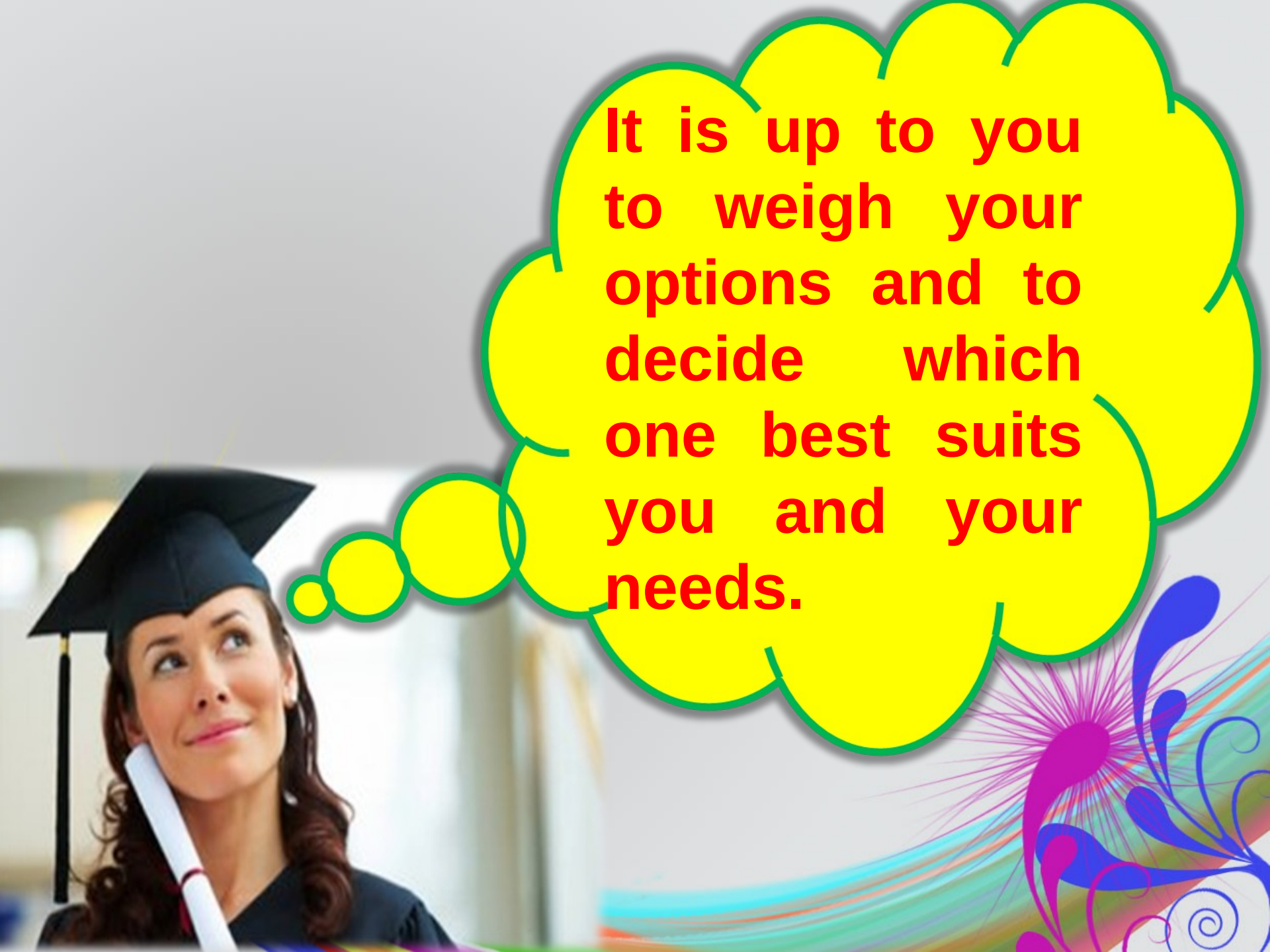
Not-so-flexible schedule

- This may be difficult for students with other obligations to attend to such as if **they have work or other activities that need to be attended**



- Overall, both online and traditional nursing education have **their benefits and drawbacks.**



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**It is up to you
to weigh your
options and to
decide which
one best suits
you and your
needs.**

ONLINE VS. TRADITIONAL NURSING CLASSES



 **FIND NURSING**
Schools

Online Nursing Programs

Kaplan University Online:

- RN to MS in Nursing
- M.S. in Nursing-Nursing Informatics
- M.S. in Nursing- Nurse Educator

Walden University Online:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)-General

Benedictine University Online:

- Master of Science in Nursing-Nurse Executive Leader
- Master of Science in Nursing-Nurse Educator

Online Nursing Programs

Colorado Technical University Online:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN Degree Completion)
- Master of Science in Nursing

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