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Like many nursing programs, we are at maximum capacity, so student achievement and retention are critical to our program's success. By providing access to the expert nursing educators of SMARTHINKING's online nursing tutoring, we are giving our students additional tools to become successful nursing graduates."

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Improve Student Achievement and Retention in Your Nursing Education Program

SMARTHINKING's live, online tutoring gives students access to expert nursing educators whose mission is to help students achieve success. Using a proprietary tutoring method, as well as a sophisticated online whiteboard, SMARTHINKING's nursing tutors help students master complex nursing/medical issues while developing critical thinking skills.

Students can get help with a troublesome homework assignment or even with NCLEX test prep. With SMARTHINKING, students go to class or to a test—prepared.

Assistance When Your Instructors Aren't Available

SMARTHINKING's online tutoring program helps students outside of regular classroom hours. Traditional students, non-traditional students, as well as students enrolled in online classes can get the extra help they need, when they need it.

Expert Nurse Educators with Clinical Experience

SMARTHINKING's nursing tutors are registered RNs, with substantial teaching and clinical experience. Our tutors have advanced degrees—

74% hold an MSN or DN. In addition, they are thoroughly screened, and receive ongoing monitoring and training.

Help in Critical Nursing Subject Areas*

- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Pathophysiology Across Systems
- Pharmacology
- Anatomy and Physiology

**Tutoring support for allied health courses including medical assisting, medical terminology, and anatomy and physiology for health professions is also available.*



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As the leading provider of online tutoring,

SMARTHINKING is used by students in over 1000 institutions of higher education.

SMARTHINKING helps students get higher grades and pass their classes. Independent research shows that students using SMARTHINKING's online tutoring services receive higher grades, have higher pass rates, and stay enrolled.*

**Research Based and Research Proven. SMARTHINKING White Paper, 07/08.*

Hours of Availability

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SMARTHINKING.com
for information
on hours of availability.

Here's an example of an interactive nursing tutorial session,

demonstrating the SMARTHINKING style of tutoring. The student (in red) poses a question to the tutor (in blue). The tutor's first step is to organize the student's question, helping the student think through the question independently.

As a result of the session, the student is able to:

- Use critical thinking skills to resolve the issue, and
- Build on knowledge already obtained to solve new challenges.

In SMARTHINKING's learning environment, students receive positive feedback, elevating their self-confidence and helping them solve problems independently.

The screenshot displays a web-based tutoring interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with icons for drawing and text formatting, and a status bar indicating 'Page: 1'. The main area contains a chat log with the following text:

Hi, I'm reading about bowel obstructions and my textbook describes a symptom as "colicky pain". I've never heard pain described this way. Can you tell me what it means?

Hi and welcome to Smarthinking, my name is Cheryl. Please tell me your first name.

Hi Cheryl, I'm Mary.

Hi Mary. When someone refers to their pain as colicky and you think of bowel obstruction...what comes to mind in the type of pain he or she may be experiencing?

I guess the person feels pain when their body is trying to move the obstruction and it can't. Is it just pain in waves?

Correct! You said it. Think back to your A&P and the digestive system. Once there is obstruction in the intestine (see picture below), there are plenty of waste products just sitting there, trying to make it out.

Below the text is a photograph of a human digestive system, specifically the large intestine. A blue arrow points to a blockage in the intestine, which is labeled 'obstruction'.

Why do you think the pain comes in waves?

Peristalsis?

Good job Mary!! As the muscles try to push the products through there is a lot of extra effort....therefore, the pain is colicky. Does this seem logical to you?

Yes, now that I think of it with the A&P it makes more sense, thanks!

You are very welcome. :) Do you have other questions?

Not at the moment. This is a very neat service.

Well, thank you so much for using Smarthinking. Good luck and check back in whenever you need help again.

Thanks, I will. Good night.

Good night, Mary.

At the bottom of the interface, there are tabs for 'Math Characters', 'Greek Characters', 'Language Characters', and 'Chemistry Characters'.