A strategy that consistently receives positive feedback from students is to send them supplemental web-based materials augmenting the instructional lab skill for that week. Drawing from a variety of media, such as articles, photos, slides, and videos, these depictions of real people afflicted with conditions studied in the current lesson serve to remind students that while they practice on mannequins, it is the lived experiences of human beings that is nursing's true calling.

By seeing the nuances of the patient care experience beyond the specific skills they are training for, they begin to understand and become energized as they recognize the importance of their roles in the spectrum of patient care.