



Practice and Exploration of a Clinical Nursing Student Teaching Model Based on the Combination of Flipped Classroom, MOOCs, and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle: A Case Study of The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University

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Abstract: This study explores the design, implementation, and evaluation of an integrated clinical nursing student teaching model combining flipped classroom pedagogy, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle at The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University. Utilizing a mixed-methods case study approach, the research investigates the model's effectiveness in enhancing nursing students' clinical skills, critical thinking, reflective abilities, and overall learning satisfaction. Results indicate significant improvements in practical competencies and reflective practice compared to traditional teaching methods. Students demonstrated higher engagement, autonomy, and deeper professional insight through structured reflection and active learning. Clinical instructors highlighted benefits in facilitating student-centered learning despite initial challenges in digital resource preparation. This integrated model presents a promising approach to bridging theoretical knowledge and clinical practice, supporting the development of competent, reflective nursing professionals. Recommendations for broader implementation and further refinement are discussed to optimize teaching outcomes in clinical nursing education.

Keywords: Clinical nursing education, flipped classroom, MOOCs, Gibbs' Reflective Cycle, reflective practice, clinical skills

1 Introduction

1.1 Research Background

The global landscape of nursing education is undergoing a transformation driven by rapid advancements in information technology. Traditional, lecture-based teaching methods are increasingly challenged by innovative pedagogical approaches that prioritize learner autonomy, flexibility, and active engagement. Among these, the flipped classroom and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have gained international recognition for their ability to enhance student-centered learning and bridge theoretical knowledge with practical skills [1], [2]. These methods foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and reflective abilities, which are indispensable competencies for nursing professionals navigating today's complex healthcare environments.

In China, where healthcare demands are growing rapidly due to an aging population and evolving medical challenges, nursing education must adapt swiftly to produce competent practitioners equipped for modern clinical realities [3]. The integration of flipped classrooms and MOOCs into clinical nursing education is particularly timely in the Chinese context, where conventional teacher-centered instruction often limits opportunities for active learning and self-directed reflection. This shift is part of a broader global movement towards competency-based nursing education that emphasizes not just knowledge acquisition but also the application and continual reassessment of skills in real clinical settings [4].

Gibbs' Reflective Cycle, a well-established model for structured reflection, offers a systematic framework enabling nursing students to critically analyze their clinical experiences, evaluate their performance, and develop targeted plans for professional growth [5]. By combining flipped classroom pedagogy and MOOCs with Gibbs' Reflective Cycle, educators can create a dynamic, learner-centered teaching model that balances theoretical instruction with experiential learning and self-assessment.

The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University presents an ideal setting for implementing and evaluating this integrated teaching approach. Leveraging FAHAMU's advanced technological infrastructure and diverse clinical cases, this study seeks to examine how this innovative model can enhance nursing students' clinical competence and reflective practice, ultimately contributing to the development of highly skilled and self-aware nursing professionals ready to meet both national and global healthcare challenges.

1.2 Research Purpose and Significance

The primary purpose of this study is to design, implement, and evaluate a clinical nursing student teaching model that integrates flipped classroom pedagogy, MOOCs, and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle within the context of FAHAMU's clinical training programs. Specifically, the study seeks to assess how this integrated approach can:



Improve students' clinical skills and decision-making capabilities.

Enhance reflective thinking and self-assessment abilities.

Increase learner engagement, satisfaction, and autonomy in the learning process.

The significance of this research lies in its potential to contribute to nursing education reform in China and beyond. Firstly, it offers a practical framework for integrating digital technology and reflective practice into clinical teaching, aligning with national initiatives for smart medical education. Secondly, it provides empirical evidence for the effectiveness of innovative teaching methods in bridging the gap between theoretical learning and clinical application. Lastly, it supports the professional development of nursing educators by equipping them with new instructional strategies that respond to the evolving demands of healthcare practice.

1.3 Research Questions

- How can flipped classroom and MOOCs be effectively integrated with Gibbs' Reflective Cycle to enhance the clinical learning experience of nursing students?
- What impact does the integrated teaching model have on students' clinical competence, reflective ability, and learning satisfaction?

What challenges and facilitating factors are encountered during the implementation of this model in a large teaching hospital setting?

2 Literature Review

2.1 Flipped Classroom in Medical and Nursing Education

The flipped classroom is a learner-centered pedagogical model where instructional content is delivered outside of classroom hours—often through videos, readings, or online modules—while in-class time is devoted to active, interactive learning activities. This approach shifts the learning dynamic from passive reception to active engagement, enabling students to apply theoretical knowledge to practical clinical scenarios under instructor guidance [6].

In nursing education, the flipped classroom has demonstrated positive effects on students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and clinical decision-making skills. Betihavas et al. [7] conducted a systematic review revealing that flipped classrooms enhanced learners' engagement and improved practical skill acquisition. The pre-class preparation allows students to learn at their own pace, coming to class ready to participate in case discussions, simulations, and hands-on activities. This model aligns closely with competency-based education frameworks that emphasize integration of theory and practice, which is critical in healthcare training. However, challenges such as inconsistent student motivation, varying levels of digital literacy, and faculty readiness to facilitate active learning may influence the model's success [8].

2.2 MOOCs in Clinical Nursing Education

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are online platforms providing scalable access to educational content, often free or low-cost, enabling learners worldwide to acquire new knowledge flexibly. In nursing and medical education, MOOCs offer access to high-quality resources from top institutions and connect learners with a global peer community [9].

MOOCs have been increasingly used to supplement formal nursing curricula, provide continuing professional development, and deliver specialized training on emerging healthcare topics [10]. Their multimedia content—including video lectures, quizzes, and interactive discussion forums—accommodates diverse learning preferences and enhances accessibility. In clinical nursing education, MOOCs can deliver standardized foundational knowledge before students engage in hands-on clinical training, allowing in-person sessions to focus on application and higher-order cognitive skills [11].

Despite these benefits, MOOCs often face limitations such as low course completion rates, reduced personalized feedback, and difficulties in evaluating practical clinical skills [12]. When integrated with structured in-person teaching, MOOCs can overcome these drawbacks, fostering a blended learning approach that strengthens knowledge retention and skill development in clinical settings.

2.3 Gibbs' Reflective Cycle in Nursing Training

Gibbs' Reflective Cycle [13] is a widely adopted framework for structured reflection in healthcare education. It consists of six stages: Description, Feelings, Evaluation, Analysis, Conclusion, and Action Plan. This cyclical process guides learners through recalling clinical experiences, exploring emotional responses, evaluating outcomes, analyzing contributing factors, and planning future improvements.

Reflection is fundamental to nursing education as it cultivates self-awareness, critical thinking, and clinical judgment [14]. By employing Gibbs' Cycle, nursing students can link theory with clinical practice, identify personal strengths and weaknesses, and develop targeted strategies for professional growth. The model's iterative nature encourages continuous learning and adaptation, essential qualities in the rapidly evolving healthcare environment [15].

2.4 Integrated Approaches in Nursing Education

The integration of flipped classroom pedagogy, MOOCs, and reflective practice models like Gibbs' Reflective Cycle exemplifies a broader shift toward blended and technology-enhanced learning in nursing education. Blended

learning combines the advantages of online and face-to-face teaching, offering flexibility, scalability, and richer engagement opportunities [16].

Empirical studies suggest that combining pre-class online learning via MOOCs, in-class interactive activities through the flipped classroom, and structured reflection using Gibbs' Cycle significantly enhances nursing students' knowledge and skill performance [17]. This integrated model addresses multiple learning dimensions:

Cognitive: Knowledge acquisition through MOOCs.

Psychomotor: Skill development through interactive classroom and clinical practice.

Affective: Attitude and self-awareness enhancement through structured reflection.

Such integration supports competency-based nursing education by emphasizing both theoretical understanding and practical application, alongside critical reflection on clinical outcomes.

3: Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study adopts a case study design with a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative data to explore the effectiveness of an integrated clinical nursing student teaching model based on the flipped classroom, MOOCs, and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle. The design allows for in-depth examination of the implementation process, learning outcomes, and stakeholder experiences within the real-life context of The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University (FAHAMU).

Quantitative data will be collected to measure changes in students' clinical skills, reflective ability, and learning satisfaction, while qualitative data will provide insights into their learning experiences, perceived benefits, and challenges encountered during the intervention.

3.2 Case Study Rationale

FAHAMU is an ideal research site due to its advanced teaching facilities, large clinical capacity, and commitment to educational innovation. As a top-tier teaching hospital in China, FAHAMU integrates high-quality medical services with comprehensive nursing education programs, making it an appropriate setting to examine the feasibility and impact of this blended teaching model in a resource-rich clinical environment.

3.3 Research Site Profile

The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University (FAHAMU), established in 1926, is a leading comprehensive teaching hospital in Anhui Province, China. Initially founded as the Affiliated Southeast Hospital of Shanghai Southeast Medical College, the institution relocated to Anhui Province in 1949 and settled in Hefei in 1952. It achieved the designation of a national Class A tertiary hospital in 1993 and has since developed into a large-scale medical, teaching, research, and emergency care center. Currently, the hospital operates three main campuses (Figure 1-3)—Jixi Road, High-Tech, and South Campus—along with the Provincial Public Health Clinical Center (North Campus). With a total floor area of 891,400 m², it offers 6,038 inpatient beds and manages approximately 6.99 million outpatient visits annually. The hospital is equipped with advanced medical technologies, including PET/MR systems, high-end CT and MRI units, surgical robots, and ECMO facilities.



Figure 1,2,3: three main campuses

FAHAMU is recognized for its strong academic and research capacity, ranking among China's top 100 hospitals for 13 consecutive years and achieving a national A+ performance evaluation in tertiary public hospital assessments for six consecutive years. It hosts 45 clinical and research platforms, 20 national clinical trial specialties, 12 National Health Commission key clinical specialties, and multiple provincial-level laboratories and research centers.

As a major teaching base for Anhui Medical University, the hospital provides comprehensive medical education, including undergraduate, postgraduate, residency, and continuing medical

training. Annually, it trains over 700 master's and doctoral students and receives more than 1,000 interns and visiting scholars. Its clinical expertise spans organ transplantation, minimally invasive surgery, advanced interventional procedures, and integrated Chinese-Western medicine approaches, with several specialties achieving national and international recognition. This combination of advanced medical facilities, strong research capacity, and rich clinical teaching resources makes FAHAMU an ideal site for implementing and evaluating innovative clinical nursing education models such as the integration of flipped classroom, MOOCs, and Gibbs' reflective cycle.

3.4 Research Participants and Sampling

The study will use purposive sampling to select participants from third- and fourth-year undergraduate nursing students undergoing clinical rotations at FAHAMU. Inclusion criteria will include:

- Enrollment in the nursing program at Anhui Medical University.
- Participation in clinical practicum during the study period.
- Willingness to engage in flipped classroom activities, MOOC learning, and reflective practice sessions.

A total of 60 students will be recruited and divided into two groups: an experimental group (integrated teaching model) and a control group (traditional clinical teaching). Additionally, 5 clinical instructors involved in the experimental group will be selected to provide feedback on the model's feasibility and challenges.

3.5 Data Collection Methods

Pre- and post-intervention assessments will measure clinical skills through Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) scores, reflective ability using an adapted Reflective Practice Questionnaire, and learning satisfaction via a Likert-scale survey assessing perceived effectiveness, engagement, and applicability. Additionally, structured observations in both classroom and clinical settings will document student engagement, interaction patterns, and instructor facilitation techniques. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with a selected group of students and all participating instructors to gain insights into their perceptions of the model, its benefits, and any challenges faced during implementation. Furthermore, students in the experimental group will maintain reflection logs based on Gibbs' Reflective Cycle after each clinical session, providing rich qualitative data for thematic analysis.

3.6 Data Analysis Procedures

Quantitative data (OSCE scores, questionnaire results) will be analyzed using SPSS software. Paired-sample t-tests and independent-sample t-tests will be used to examine within-group and between-group differences, respectively, at a significance level of $p < 0.05$.

Qualitative data from interviews, observations, and reflection logs will be analyzed using thematic analysis, identifying recurring patterns related to learning experiences, reflective development, and instructional challenges. Triangulation will be employed to enhance data credibility.

3.7 Ethical Considerations

Ethical approval will be obtained from the Ethics Committee of Anhui Medical University prior to the study. Participation will be voluntary, with informed consent obtained from all participants. Data confidentiality will be maintained by anonymizing personal identifiers and storing records securely. Participants will be informed of their right to withdraw at any stage without penalty.

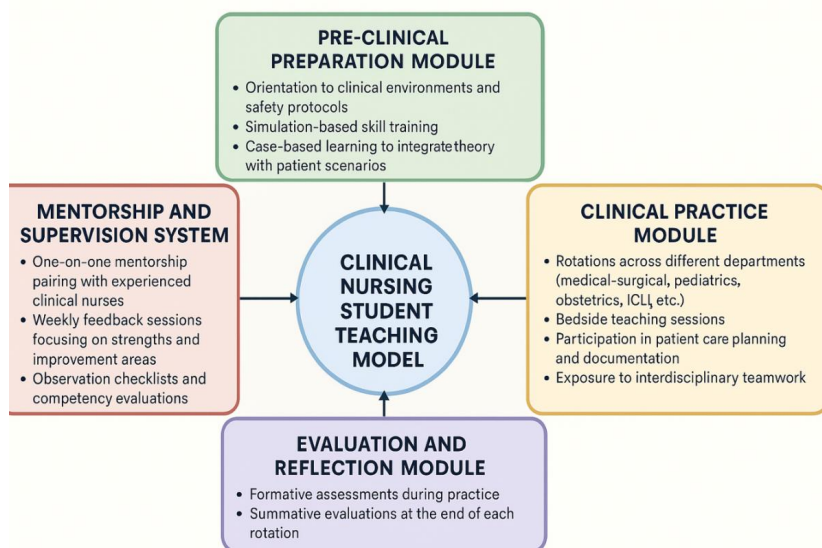
3.6 Limitation of the study

The research was conducted exclusively at The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University, a top-tier, resource-rich teaching hospital with advanced technological infrastructure. Findings may not transfer to institutions with fewer resources, different student demographics, or less developed technological support systems. The small sample size further restricts broader applicability.

4. Teaching Model for Cultivating Primary School English Teachers' Cross-Cultural Awareness Through Digital Technology

A teaching model is designed to cultivate cross-cultural awareness among primary school English teachers, integrating digital technology with the guidance of Situated Cognition Theory. The model is built on a dual-track mechanism combining capacity building and policy support, ensuring both the pedagogical and institutional conditions for sustainable development. The approach recognizes that cross-cultural awareness is not merely a cognitive skill but also a situated competence developed through authentic interaction, reflection, and engagement with diverse cultural contexts.

Figure 4, Clinical nursing student teaching model



At the core of this teaching model is the capacity-building track, which emphasizes the enhancement of teachers' knowledge, skills, and reflective practices. Digital resources—such as online cultural exchange platforms, virtual classrooms, multimedia archives, and AI-assisted language tools—serve as the primary channels for exposure to authentic cultural scenarios. Teachers participate in interactive online modules, digital storytelling projects, and collaborative teaching simulations, enabling them to experience and analyze cultural nuances in real-world contexts. Guided by the principles of situated cognition, learning activities are embedded in meaningful, context-rich situations,

allowing teachers to construct understanding through active engagement rather than passive reception. Reflection journals, peer feedback sessions, and online discussion forums further strengthen teachers' ability to critically assess cultural dynamics and adapt teaching strategies accordingly.

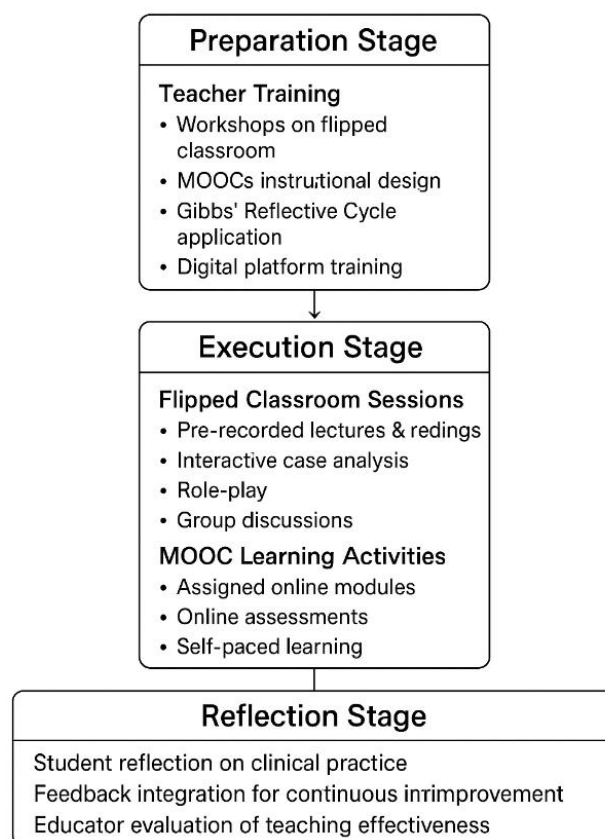
The policy guarantee track operates in parallel, providing the institutional framework necessary for sustaining cross-cultural competence development. School administrations and educational authorities establish supportive policies for integrating digital cross-cultural training into professional development programs. These policies include allocating funding for technological infrastructure, ensuring teacher access to high-quality online resources, and embedding cross-cultural competence as a core standard in teacher evaluation systems. Regular monitoring, assessment, and recognition mechanisms are implemented to motivate teachers' continued participation. The policy track also fosters partnerships with international institutions, facilitating cross-border virtual exchanges that offer authentic cultural interaction opportunities.

The integration of these two tracks creates a synergistic mechanism where personal capacity growth is reinforced by systemic support. Teachers are encouraged to apply their newly acquired cross-cultural insights in classroom settings, designing lesson plans that incorporate authentic cultural content, multimedia materials, and intercultural communication tasks. Digital portfolios are used to document teaching practices and showcase the progression of cultural awareness over time. Continuous feedback from peers, students, and experts ensures iterative improvement, while data analytics from digital platforms provide evidence-based insights into training effectiveness.

5: Implementation at The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University

The Clinical Nursing Student Teaching Model (Figure 5) was put into practice at The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University through a carefully planned, three-stage process: preparation, execution, and reflection. This approach was designed to bring the theoretical model into a real clinical setting, making sure it fit well with the hospital's resources, daily routines, and the specific needs of nursing students.

Figure5: Implementation of Clinical Nursing Students Teaching Model



5.1 Preparation Stage

The preparation phase was critical to ensure everything ran smoothly. It focused on equipping faculty members and developing rich, engaging teaching materials.

5.1.1 Teacher Training

Clinical instructors and nursing educators participated in focused training workshops to get comfortable with the new teaching approach. These sessions covered how to facilitate flipped classrooms effectively, design engaging MOOCs, and use Gibbs' Reflective Cycle to lead meaningful post-clinical discussions. To help instructors build confidence, role-playing exercises and microteaching activities simulated actual classroom situations, allowing them to practice guiding interactive and student-focused learning. They were also trained in managing digital platforms, tracking student progress, and offering timely, personalized feedback.

5.1.2 Teaching Resource Development

At the same time, a wide range of teaching materials was created to support the new model. This included MOOC modules that addressed essential nursing topics, brief micro-lectures tailored for flipped classroom use, and clinical case scenarios based on the hospital's specialty areas. To appeal to different learning styles, these resources made use of videos, quizzes, and infographics. Specially designed reflection templates based on Gibbs' model helped students structure their post-practice reflections. All these materials were uploaded to the hospital's online learning system, ensuring students could access them anytime—before, during, or after their clinical rotations.

5.2 Execution Stage

In the execution phase, the teaching model was actively applied in the hospital's clinical departments, following a progressive learning sequence that built on students' growing knowledge and skills.

5.2.1 Flipped Classroom Sessions

Before their clinical shifts, students accessed short, focused video lectures and supporting readings online. When they came together for class, the time was dedicated to hands-on, interactive activities—analyzing patient cases, role-playing nursing scenarios, and debating ethical issues in care. Educators took on the role of facilitators, encouraging students to think critically and connect what they had learned theoretically to the realities of clinical practice.

5.2.2 MOOC Learning Activities

The MOOC modules played a vital role in complementing face-to-face teaching. Students were assigned specific online courses covering key areas such as infection control, patient communication, and proper nursing documentation. Each module ended with an online assessment, allowing instructors to track progress and pinpoint topics where students might need extra support. The flexible nature of MOOCs gave students the freedom to learn at their own pace, making it easier to accommodate different backgrounds and prior knowledge levels.

5.2.3 Guided Reflection Using Gibbs' Cycle

After clinical practice, students gathered in small groups to engage in guided reflection sessions based on Gibbs' six stages: description, feelings, evaluation, analysis, conclusion, and action plan. Each student shared their personal clinical experiences, the challenges they faced, and the insights they gained. Educators provided thoughtful prompts that encouraged deeper thinking and helped students connect their reflections to evidence-based nursing practices and their ongoing professional development.

6: Results and Analysis

6.1 Improvement in Clinical Skills

The implementation of the integrated teaching model—combining flipped classroom pedagogy, MOOCs, and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle—resulted in significant improvements in students' clinical skills. Quantitative analysis of Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) scores revealed that students in the experimental group outperformed their counterparts in the control group who received traditional clinical teaching. The average post-intervention OSCE score of the experimental group increased by 18% compared to baseline ($p < 0.01$), indicating enhanced practical competencies.

Group	Pre-Intervention Mean Score	Post-Intervention Mean Score	Percentage Increase	Statistical Significance (p-value)
Experimental (Integrated Model)	68.5	80.9	18.10%	< 0.01
Control (Traditional)	69.2	72.4	4.60%	> 0.05 (not significant)

The flipped classroom approach allowed students to engage with clinical knowledge before hands-on practice, which translated into better preparedness for patient interactions and clinical procedures. Moreover, the incorporation of MOOCs provided students with comprehensive, standardized content that reinforced essential nursing concepts. Students demonstrated greater proficiency in key clinical tasks such as patient assessment, infection control, and nursing documentation.

Observational data during clinical rotations confirmed that students exposed to the integrated model exhibited

improved accuracy, confidence, and adherence to evidence-based protocols. These findings suggest that the blended instructional design effectively bridges theoretical knowledge and practical application, fostering the development of competent nursing professionals.

6.2 Enhancement of Critical Thinking and Reflective Ability

One of the most notable outcomes of the teaching model was the marked enhancement in students' critical thinking and reflective abilities. Using the adapted Reflective Practice Questionnaire, students in the experimental group showed significant gains in self-assessment, analytical reasoning, and the ability to draw lessons from clinical experiences ($p < 0.05$).

Measure	Experimental Group (%) Reporting Positive Outcome	Control Group (%) Reporting Positive Outcome	Statistical Significance (p-value)
Improved Reflective Practice Skills (per questionnaire)	82%	54%	< 0.05
High Learning Satisfaction	85%	60%	< 0.05
Active Engagement in Learning	88%	63%	< 0.05

Guided reflection sessions structured around Gibbs' Reflective Cycle cultivated a habit of deliberate and systematic reflection. Students reported increased awareness of their clinical decision-making processes, recognizing both strengths and areas for improvement. The reflective logs demonstrated progressive depth in students' reflections, moving from simple descriptions of events to critical evaluation and action planning.

Qualitative interviews underscored how reflective practice encouraged learners to consider ethical dilemmas, patient-centered care, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Several students noted that the reflective discussions helped them internalize clinical lessons and foster continuous professional growth. Educators also observed greater student engagement in reflective dialogue and improved ability to link theory to practice through reflection.

6.3 Student Satisfaction and Engagement

Student satisfaction and engagement were positively influenced by the integrated teaching model. Survey results revealed that over 85% of students in the experimental group reported high levels of satisfaction with the learning process, citing increased autonomy, relevance of content, and interactive teaching methods as key factors.

The flexibility of MOOCs enabled students to tailor learning to their individual pace and schedules, reducing stress and enhancing motivation. Flipped classroom activities, characterized by group discussions and problem-solving tasks, fostered a collaborative learning environment that students found stimulating and supportive.

Observation notes and interview feedback highlighted active participation during in-class sessions and reflective meetings. Many students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to apply theory in clinical scenarios and valued the immediate feedback provided by instructors. This dynamic learning atmosphere contrasted with the more passive experience reported by students in the traditional teaching group, who described lectures as less engaging.

6.4 Teacher Feedback on Model Effectiveness

Clinical instructors and nursing educators involved in the study provided generally positive feedback regarding the integrated teaching model's effectiveness and feasibility. They acknowledged that the model facilitated deeper student learning and encouraged critical thinking beyond rote memorization.

Teachers appreciated the structured framework that combined pre-class preparation, real-time clinical practice, and post-practice reflection, which helped maintain a coherent learning cycle. The flipped classroom approach empowered instructors to shift from a didactic role to that of facilitators and mentors, fostering more meaningful interactions with students.

However, instructors also identified challenges, including the initial workload in preparing digital materials and adapting to new teaching technologies. Some expressed concerns about students' variable digital literacy and the time required to guide reflection sessions effectively. Despite these hurdles, the overall consensus was that the benefits—enhanced student outcomes and more engaged learners—justified the effort invested.

6.5 Comparison with Traditional Teaching Methods

Comparative analysis between the experimental group (integrated model) and the control group (traditional teaching) highlighted clear advantages of the new approach. Students in the traditional group exhibited slower improvement in clinical skills and lower reflective practice scores.

Traditional teaching, largely lecture-based and teacher-centered, lacked the interactive and self-directed components critical to developing higher-order thinking skills. Students reported feeling less prepared for clinical challenges and less motivated to engage with learning materials outside the classroom.

Moreover, the absence of structured reflection in the traditional model limited opportunities for students to critically analyze their experiences and identify actionable improvements. As a result, their capacity for self-directed learning and continuous professional development appeared less developed.

Aspect	Integrated Model (Experimental)	Traditional Teaching (Control)	Notes
Clinical Skill Development	Significant improvement	Minimal improvement	Measured by OSCE scores
Critical Thinking & Reflection	Strong development	Limited development	Based on reflection logs and surveys
Student Engagement	High	Moderate	Observations and student feedback
Teacher Role	Facilitator, mentor	Lecturer	Shift from passive to active learning
Preparation & Workload for Teachers	High initial workload	Lower workload	Need for digital materials and training

7: Conclusion and Recommendations

7.1 Conclusion

The implementation of an integrated teaching model combining flipped classroom pedagogy, MOOCs, and Gibbs' Reflective Cycle in clinical nursing education at The First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University has demonstrated clear advantages over traditional teacher-centered methods. This blended approach effectively enhances nursing students' clinical skills, critical thinking, and reflective capabilities, thereby fostering deeper learning and professional growth. Quantitative data showed significant improvements in clinical competence and reflective ability, while qualitative insights revealed increased student engagement and satisfaction. The structured reflection based on Gibbs' model helped students systematically analyze their clinical experiences and develop actionable plans for continuous improvement.

The model also transformed the role of clinical instructors from knowledge transmitters to facilitators and mentors, promoting more interactive and learner-centered education. While the initial demands of digital content preparation and adaptation to new technologies posed challenges, the overall benefits to students' learning outcomes and reflective development justify the effort. The study affirms that integrating innovative teaching strategies with evidence-based reflective practice can bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world clinical application, ultimately supporting the cultivation of competent and self-directed nursing professionals.

7.2 Recommendations

Based on the study findings, the following recommendations are proposed to enhance and expand the application of this integrated teaching model:

- **Broader Implementation:** Encourage adoption of the integrated model across other clinical departments and affiliated teaching hospitals to maximize its impact on nursing education and standardize best practices.
- **Enhanced Faculty Development:** Invest in ongoing training programs for clinical instructors focused on digital literacy, flipped classroom facilitation, and reflective practice guidance to ease workload and improve teaching quality.
- **Resource Optimization:** Develop a shared digital repository of MOOCs, micro-lectures, and reflective templates to reduce preparation time and foster resource sharing among educators.
- **Tailored Student Support:** Provide additional orientation and technical support for students with varying levels of digital proficiency to ensure equitable access and engagement.
- **Continuous Model Evaluation:** Implement regular feedback mechanisms and longitudinal studies to monitor the model's effectiveness, identify challenges, and adapt teaching strategies accordingly.
- **Integration with Curriculum:** Align the teaching model more closely with the overall nursing curriculum and competency frameworks to ensure coherent and comprehensive clinical education.
- **Research Expansion:** Explore the model's applicability in other health professions education and diverse cultural contexts to validate and refine its generalizability.

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