Get ready for academic success in Nursing and Midwifery: A Centre for Teaching and Learning and School collaboration to support student academic preparedness in the School of Nursing and Midwifery

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The School of Nursing and Midwifery at Edith Cowan University has a diverse cohort of students coming from many pathways including school leavers, mature age, international, and those from the enrolled to registered nursing conversion program. In 2018, the School Learning Adviser, Librarian and Learning Designers, created an online resource, titled Get Ready for Academic Success to support the transition of these students to university study and build academic literacy preparedness. The self-managed online resource is hosted on the Springshare LibGuides platform.

Students complete the eight modules, which include quizzes and surveys, in line with their learning needs. The platform’s inbuilt statistical functionality produces qualitative data from completed quizzes and surveys, along with quantitative data as views per module.

Promotion of the modules is at orientation, during semester learning support workshops and by unit coordinators. They are also embedded in some foundation course units. Since going live to year-end, the modules have been accessed 36,913 times. An end of semester sample review of course assessment results compared to those in previous year’s for students who had not had access to the modules suggest that the modules contribute to overall student success.

Building on this early success and while still a work in progress, the quizzes and surveys are proving popular for self-assessment. Content will continue to be added to ensure that the academic preparedness needs of commencing students are met. A postgraduate version is planned for 2019, along with a research proposal to concretely evidence the contribution to student success.

The presentation will showcase how the team created, launched and continue to develop the modules as a learning tool to support student success.