



**smarthinking** The leader in on-demand student support

## HELP STUDENTS STRENGTHEN THEIR skills in nursing & allied health

“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.”

★ Beth Ann Batturs  
Director of Nursing & Healthcare Initiatives  
Anne Arundel Community College, Maryland

### SMARTHINKING IMPROVES 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 ARE NOT 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 nurses (RN), 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.



Students in **over 1,000 institutions** of higher education use Smarthinking, the leading provider of online tutoring. 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.



**HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF AN INTERACTIVE NURSING TUTORIAL SESSION.**

The student (in maroon) poses a question to the tutor (in grey). The tutor's first step is to engage the student through Socratic dialogue, helping the student think through the question and arrive at the answer independently.

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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.

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.

Math Characters | Greek Characters | Language Characters | Chemistry Characters

**available subjects**

- writing
- mathematics
- science
- business
- english for speakers of other languages (ESOL)
- spanish
- nursing & allied health

"This is the greatest service ever. I'm gaining confidence from the constructive direction given by the Smarthinking tutors. Thank you so much for this service!"

★ Angie S.  
Student  
Chamberlain College of Nursing/DeVry

As a result of this 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**.

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