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Participatory Action Research for Program Planning

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Abstract

Participatory Action Research (PAR) is a method of data collection for the purpose of creating knowledge, solving problems, and improving practice within an organization. A key feature of PAR is collaboration between the organization and its stakeholders. This article illustrates the application of a PAR methodology for revising the student selection process of a community college-based radiologic science program. The new policy was developed utilizing input from students, counselors, faculty, and the program's advisory committee. This summary provides a guide for program directors and faculty seeking a collaborative methodology for program improvement.

The Pedagogy of Online Education

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Abstract

In today's information age, more colleges and universities are offering courses through online means. This review evaluates the literature regarding online course design and instruction and identifies necessary components for an online curriculum. Communication, interactive course content, and time considerations were found to be among the most commonly discussed elements in online instruction, among others.