PSU. 100% NT Project

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Introduction: The first step of the National Licensing Examination (NLE I) aims to test the qualification of the third year medical students before continuing to the clinical study. In the past, about 70% of the PSU students passed the exam each year despite of a great deal of efforts being put by the Faculty. To increase the percentage of NLE passing for the 2010 batch, the current project was carried out by the Third Year Student Committee.

Purpose: To prepare the students for the NLE I, using the approach of peer-to-peer support.

Methods: The 100% NLE campaign was conducted by the student workgroup with support from the Faculty throughout the year, starting in June 2010 until March 2011. The activities included creating a reading calendar and an NLE countdown board, knowledge sharing exhibitions, organising tutorial classes taught by students and by faculty members, preparing solutions of the past exams, group readings and pre-NLE trial. To evaluate the process of the Project, all students were asked to complete a questionnaire after finishing the NLE I Exam on 12th March 2011. The main outcome of the Project was measured by the percentage of NLE I passing students.

Results: Of 180 students, 52% answered the questionnaire. Almost 100% of the planned activities were successfully held with over 60% of the students participating in almost all activities. Most students were satisfied with the Project as it made them well prepared for the exam and increased the sense of togetherness among friends. Of all, 92% could pass the exam, making PSU rank second in the percentage of passing students among all medical schools in Thailand.

Conclusion: The PSU 100% NLE Project is an advantageous project created by students for all students.

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