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Executive Director of NursingCenter.com



Dr. Rizzolo's primary contribution to the nursing education community has focused on exploring new technologies, determining how they can serve to educate and inform nurses, operationalizing their cost-effective delivery, and disseminating their value for nursing education and practice. She has delivered over 150 national and international presentations on how to incorporate various technologies into the nursing curriculum and served on many national committees and advisory boards.

She began developing expertise in educational technology when personal computers first became available, and was recruited by AJN Company to manage a federal grant which developed 3 award winning patient simulation interactive videodisc programs that were purchased by the majority of pre-licensure nursing programs. She authored another federal grant that developed AJN Online, one of the first websites in the world to offer continuing education, journal articles, forum discussions, and other educational and networking opportunities. When AJN was sold, Dr. Rizzolo became Executive Director of NursingCenter.com, an expanded version of AJN Online. Since the Web was "new," building NursingCenter involved conceptualizing and developing innovative content delivery modes such as webquests, webcasts, a web CE game, nursing rounds, and an online Writing for Publication course.

Dr. Rizzolo recently retired from the National League for Nursing, where she served as Senior Director of Professional Development. She continues to manage four Laerdal simulation projects, and the federal Health Information Technology Scholars grant from the Division of Nursing (DHHS, HRSA) for faculty development related to health information technologies.

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