

11 POPULAR ONLINE LEARNING TOOLS THAT ENGAGE STUDENTS

Nurse educators recommend these online tools to peers facing the challenges of teaching remotely during the COVID-19 epidemic. Many are free or offer complimentary upgrades for a limited time.

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EDPUZZLE

Basic plans are free. The site provides access to more than 5 million videos allowing you to create interactive video lessons that include questions, audio, and notes; and see detailed analytics of students' results.

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KAHOOT

The premium version is available for free to institutions impacted by the coronavirus. It allows you to host games and quizzes live over video conferencing, assign student-paced games, designate students to create their own quizzes, and can build camaraderi among students.

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MENTIMETER

Users can create interactive presentations with questions, polls, quizzes, slides, images, gifs, and more to engage learners. You can then compare and analyze data to measure students' progress.

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NEARPOD

Nearpod is extending temporary access to schools dealing with closures due to COVID-19. The instructional platform merges formative assessment and dynamic media for collaborative learning experiences.

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PANOPTO

This site — developed at Carnegie Mellon University — allows users to centrally manage recorded lectures, additional classroom videos, and third-party media assets in a platform that integrates with many LMS.

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POLLEVERYWHERE

Educators can get a free 90-day premium plan. The site allows you to use multiple-choice questions to identify gaps in understanding or kick off group discussions with word clouds and collect live responses with instant results.

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SLIDO

Compatible with video-conferencing tools such as Zoom, Skype, Webex, and GoToMeeting, Slido crowdsources the best questions from the audience, offers real-time polling, and allows you to share insights.

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SOCRATIVE

Users turn lectures into 2-way exchanges with immediate insights. It offers quizzes, surveys, and team activities, with access of up to 150 students per room, up to 20 private or public rooms, and up to 20 activities simultaneously.

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SOFTCHALK

Offering free access through May 31, 2020, the site allows creation of interactive online course material. Predesigned courses are available for nursing students on conflict management, preeclampsia, teamwork, depression, and diabetes.

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TOPHAT

Designed to motivate students to engage with course content and participate in class, the site allows users to run discussions, assign interactive readings, and develop quizzes for understanding.

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TURNINGPOINT

A free enterprise license and free pilots to individual instructors are available through the remainder of the spring term. The site engages students in real time, allowing you to schedule interactive assignments, run reports and manage results remotely, sending results to your LMS.