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The Work-Integrated Learning Combined with the Portfolio Method-A Pedagogical Strategy and Tool in **Nursing Education for Developing Professional Competence**

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uring nursing education students obtain knowledge and skills to develop their professional competence. Teachers may elect toprovide pedagogical tools preparing students for current and future healthcare needs. The purpose of this theoretical article was tohighlight Work-Integrated Learning combined with the Portfolio Method as a pedagogical strategy and tool for nursing students to develop professional competence for lifelong learning. This strategy contains six phases: pre-reflection, reflection-inaction, reflection-on-action, self-evaluation, meta-reflection and knowledge-in-action, which can help nursing students, during their clinical education, develop deeper understanding of their future profession, while also providing a teaching planning tool.

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