

Development of an APRN Informational Website for State Legislators in Ohio



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Introduction

The Consensus Model for APRN Regulation proposes goals to expand patient access to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and promote a consistent scope of practice across the United States and its jurisdictions (APRN Joint Dialogue Group, 2008). In order to achieve this goal in Ohio, state legislators will need to pass bills removing barriers to APRN scope of practice. Legislators who lack understanding of APRNs and their scope of practice present challenges for APRNs who are advocating for legislative change. APRNs lobbying for the removal of barriers hindering their scope of practice have had to refocus their advocacy efforts and instead concentrate on educating legislators. While worthwhile and important, APRNs find this ongoing need for educating legislators difficult to sustain and could result in less than ideal outcomes, such as unexpected changes or delays in political strategy. The website, developed for this DNP project, OhioAPRN.com, is one way to help accomplish this goal.

Purpose

The purpose of the project was to develop a content-validated website that contains role and scope of practice information about the four types of APRNs that are legally recognized in Ohio.

Project Objectives

The project had two objectives:

1. To develop a website that contains accurate, evidence-based information about APRNs, their scope of practice, and the important role they play in delivering safe, cost-effective, and quality health care in Ohio
2. To validate the contents of the website using a panel of health policy experts

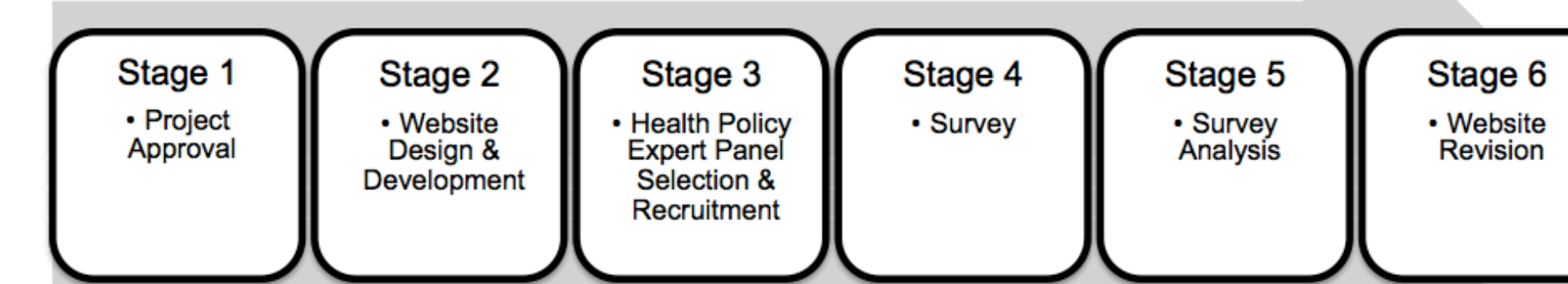
Review of the Literature

There was a lack of relevant research. The use of additional search strategies included a review of 19 existing websites pertaining to APRNs and their scope of practice in Ohio and recommended approaches to educating legislators.

Methods | Project Design

The project centered on the development of a website, using a content validation approach, for the purpose of educating state legislators about APRNs and their scope of practice in Ohio. A health policy expert panel comprised of seven nurses was recruited via e-mail and asked to review the website and then complete a survey about the website. An online survey was administered through Qualtrics® software (Version 62101) of the Qualtrics Research Suite (2015).

Content Validation



The website was designed using evidence drawn from the following sources: (a) the DNP student's experience in website design and APRN health policy advocacy, (b) review of the relevant literature, and (c) evidence-based information about APRNs and their scope of practice.

Project Approval

Prior approval for the project was sought through the Quality Improvement (QI) determination and review process at The Ohio State University, College of Nursing. Certification was received that the project is not research and does not require IRB review or exemption.

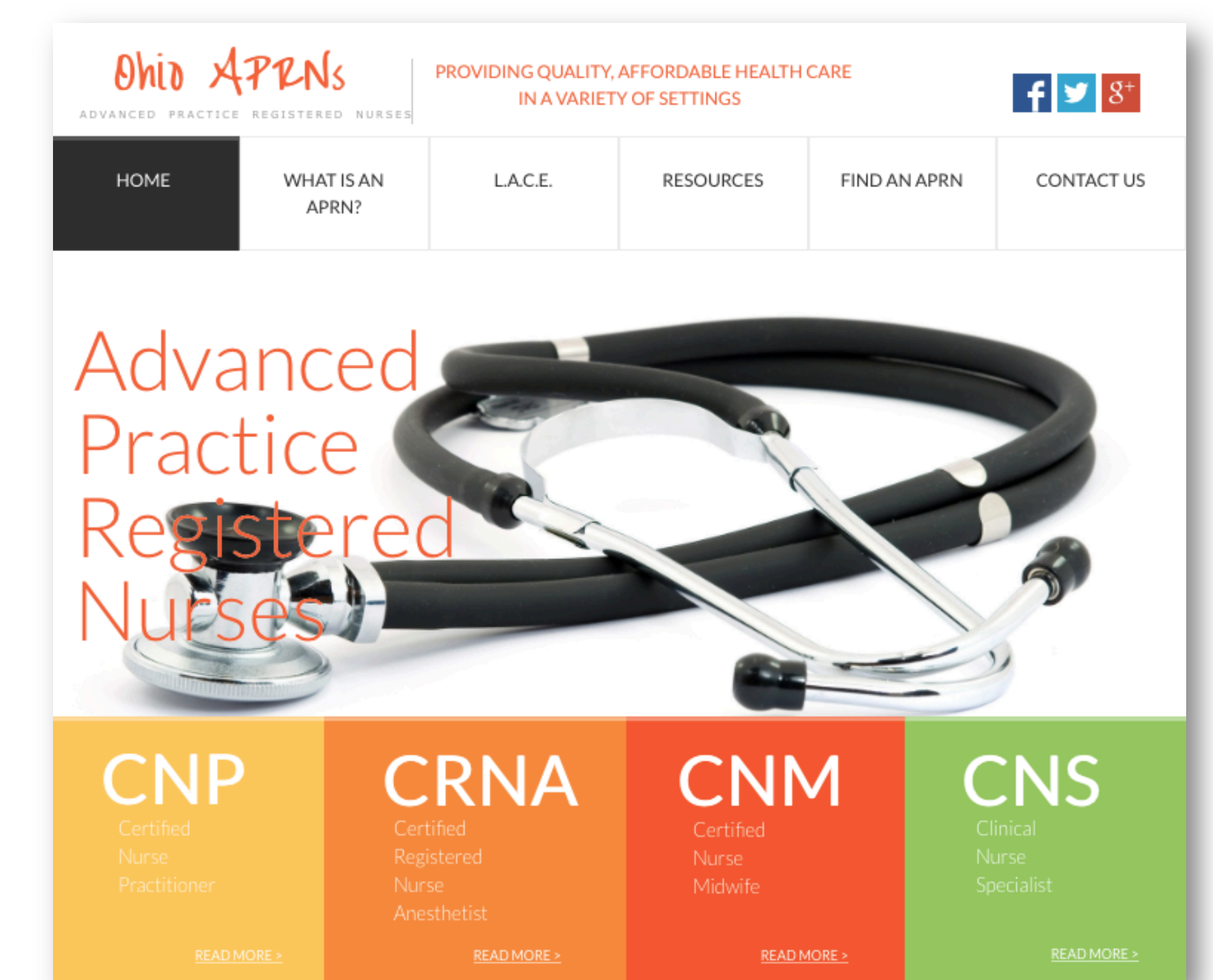
Content Analysis

Content analysis was used to interpret the results of the survey and content validity assessment was used to assess the validity of the website content.

An acceptable level of consensus, level of significance, and recommended threshold was determined based on the approach used and the number of health policy experts on the panel. Each question was analyzed based on the response or rating provided by each member of the health policy expert panel.

Results

An Item-Content Validity Index (I-CVI) and Scale-Level Content Validity Index (S-CVI) were calculated for each item. Each item had an I-CVI of 1.00 and the S-CVI/Ave was 1.00, demonstrating 100% agreement on content validity ratings among the seven health policy experts. The written responses by the expert panel were analyzed and revisions to the website were made based on suggested changes.



Discussion

The website, OhioAPRN.com, is valuable as an informational website for Ohio state legislators.

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