



# Effect of 3D Animation Assisted Education on Knowledge Level of Nursing Students for the Evaluation of Respiration

## 3D Animasyon Destekli Eğitimin Hemşirelik Öğrencilerinin Solunumun Değerlendirilmesine Yönelik Bilgi Düzeylerine Etkisi

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine effect of 3D animation education, which was developed for nursing students and designed to evaluate respiration on knowledge level of students.

**Methods:** This study was designed as a randomized controlled experimental study consisting of pretest and posttest. The sample of the study consisted of 60 students who were in the second year of the nursing department of a public university in Istanbul in the 2018-2019 academic year, who met the research criteria and agreed to participate in the research. "Information Form" including sociodemographic features and "Knowledge Test for Evaluation of Respiration" measuring knowledge level on the evaluation of respiration were used as data collection tools. The study was conducted with two stages as preparation and application. Preparation stage included determination of learning goals, selection of 3D animations, preparation of the guidelines for evaluation of respiration, and preparations of the educator and students.

**Results:** In the study, it was found that the mean posttest points of the students in the experiment group were higher compared to the students in the control group, and there was a significant difference between posttest scores of the two groups ( $p<0.01$ ).

**Conclusion:** The results indicated that combination of the traditional education method and 3D animation assisted education might have effect on knowledge level of nursing students about the evaluation of respiration.

**Keywords:** Nursing education, 3D animation, knowledge

### ÖZ

**Amaç:** Bu araştırma, hemşirelik öğrencileri için geliştirilen ve solunumun değerlendirilmesine yönelik tasarlanan 3D animasyon eğitiminin öğrencilerin bilgi düzeylerine etkisini belirlemek amacıyla yapılmıştır.

**Yöntem:** Araştırma, ön test - son testten oluşan randomize kontrollü deneysel bir çalışmadır. Araştırmanın örneklemini, İstanbul ilinde bir devlet üniversitesinin 2018-2019 eğitim öğretim yılında hemşirelik bölümünün 2. sınıfında öğrenim görmekte olan, araştırma kriterlerine uyan ve araştırmaya katılmayı kabul eden 60 öğrenci oluşturmuştur. Veri toplama aracı olarak, sosyodemografik özellikleri içeren "Bilgi Formu", solunumun değerlendirilmesine yönelik bilgi düzeyini ölçen "Solunum Değerlendirilmesine Yönelik Bilgi Testi" kullanılmıştır. Araştırma, hazırlık ve uygulama olmak üzere 2 aşamada gerçekleştirilmiştir. Araştırmanın hazırlık aşaması, öğrenim hedeflerinin belirlenmesini, 3D animasyonların seçimi, solunumun değerlendirilmesine yönelik kılavuzların hazırlanmasını, eğitmen ve öğrenci hazırlıklarını içermektedir.

**Bulgular:** Araştırmada, deney grubundaki öğrencilerin son test puan ortalamalarının, kontrol grubundaki öğrencilere oranla daha yüksek olduğu, iki grubun son test puanları arasında anlamlı farklılık bulunduğu saptanmıştır ( $p<0.01$ ).

**Sonuç:** Bulgular, geleneksel eğitim yöntemi ile 3D animasyon destekli eğitimin birlikte kullanımının, solunum fonksiyonunun değerlendirilmesinde hemşirelik öğrencilerinin bilgi düzeylerine olumlu etkisi olabileceğini göstermiştir.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Hemşirelik eğitimi, 3D animasyon, bilgi

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## INTRODUCTION

The most important function of respiratory system is to supply oxygen which is needed by the body and to expel carbon dioxide. It is necessary to well evaluate the respiratory system in order to understand normal and abnormal data about this system. The evaluation of respiratory system requires beginning from taking history, obtaining data with inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation, and planning an appropriate care. Constitution of the knowledge and skills for regular evaluation of the respiratory system findings and interpretation of the data obtained is important for nursing <sup>(1)</sup>.

Because nursing is a profession requiring skilling of cognitive, psychomotor, and attitudinal behaviours, the use of innovative applications in education is crucial. With the improved technology, the use and development of new learning tools has increased in nursing education <sup>(1)</sup>.

When conducted in a planned way, education technologies provide benefit for educators and students. Education technologies provides equality of opportunity in education by allowing educators and students to have a course when they want, free studying, to use primary resource and knowledge acquisition from the primary resource whenever they want, and by leading the enhanced and improved education countrywide and even worldwide. Education technologies provide diversity and quality by contributing to individual and mass group learning; creativity by supportive role in introduction of a new and original product; a productive and fast education by offering students an individual education based on their interest and skills, and targeted, effective and lasting learning; real learning experiences by preparing an environment for students to learn with practice; life-long learning by allowing students to access information whenever they want; and an environment to play active roles by enabling students reaching to information by themselves <sup>(2)</sup>.

These improvements in technology and education, have brought association of these two areas, providing opportunity for simulation applications, 3D animation assisted education and tools that are among the commonly used, reliable education methods in

raising technical and non-technical skills in nursing education, to become widespread <sup>(1,3-5)</sup>. In nursing education, it is necessary to prepare the students for the future, to support the professional development of life, to integrate information technologies and different training methods in nursing education programs for qualified and safe nursing care <sup>(6,7)</sup>. It is thought that the use of 3D animations in nursing education will enable education with enhanced visual content, providing learning facility by offering different learning media to students, and increasing development of their skills for making clinical decisions. The use and extending of 3D animation assisted education method in nursing education is recommended in the literature since it contributes to students at cognitive level <sup>(1,3-5)</sup>.

Within this context, it is thought that 3D animation assisted education method will offer to students a new point of view as an alternative to traditional education methods. The objective of this study was to determine effect of 3D animation education, which was developed for nursing students and designed to evaluate respiration, on knowledge level of students.

## METHODS

### Design and Sample

This study was designed as a randomized controlled experimental study consisting of pretest and posttest. Sample of the study consisted of 60 students (experiment n=30, control n=30) who received education in Grade 2 of nursing department of a public university in 2018-2019 education and training period, and fulfilled the inclusion criteria, and accepted to participate in the study. Volunteer students who were receiving Medical Nursing Course for the first time who were not vocational school of health graduated, knew Turkish and had no any communication barrier were included in the study.

### Data collection

“Information Form” including sociodemographic features and “Knowledge Test for Evaluation of Respiration” measuring knowledge level on the evaluation of respiration were used as data collection tools.

**Information Form**

This form was prepared by the researchers in line with the literature. The form included questions investigating sociodemographic features of the students.

**Knowledge Test for Evaluation of Respiration:** The test included multiple-choice 20 questions with 5 options. Each question was valued at 5 points. The maximum total score was 100. Content validity of the test was provided in line with opinions of three specialist with one being faculty members in the Department of Nursing Fundamentals, one member from the Department of Measurement and Evaluation in Education, and one member from the Department of Medical Education and Informatics.

**Ethical Considerations**

Study data were collected after receiving ethics committee approval (B.08.6.YÖK.2.ÜS.0.05.0.06/2018/518) and institutional permission from the university. The students were informed about the study and included after giving written consent.

**Data Analysis**

Data obtained from the study were analyzed using SPSS®21.0 (Statistical Package for the Social Science) statistical package software. Data were not normally distributed according to Shapiro Wilks test. Percentage distribution and medium (min-max) were used in the analysis of sociodemographic data of the students. Since the data were not normally distributed, Mann Whitney U and Wilcoxon Ranks tests were used. Statistical significance level of the data was considered as  $p < 0.05$  and evaluated at 95% confidence interval.

**Study Period**

The student were asked to randomly select from the cards written experiment and control, and randomization (experiment  $n=30$ , control  $n=30$ ) was provided. The study was conducted in two stages as preparation and application. Preparation stage included determination of learning goals, selection of 3D animations, preparation of the guidelines for evaluation of respiration, and preparations of the educator and students (Flow chart).

In the preparation stage of the study, goal and learning outputs of the education, and 3D animation

videos were determined. The experiment and control groups were educated on the evaluation of respiration with traditional method. PowerPoint presentation technique and verbal narration techniques were used in the education.

For 3D animation, the videos were determined by the researchers in line with the relevant literature. The content of 3D animation video was selected as to meet the targets of ability to begin and maintain communication with the patient about evaluation of respiration, to collect data about complaints of the patient, to perform physical examination and make interpretation. Guidelines were prepared in the preparation stage in order to facilitate conformity of the educator and students. The guidelines included rational, objective, methods, schedule of the study and informed consent form. Information meeting was held for preparations of the students to inform them about the objective and process of the study.

**RESULTS**

Of the study group, 81.7% were female, and the mean age was found as  $19.41 \pm 0.88$  years. No significant difference was found between success averages of the students in the experiment and control groups (Table 1).

**Table 1. Success averages of the students (N=60).**

		Groups		Test Value
		Experimental (n=30)	Control (n=30)	P
Success Averages	Mean±SD	2.67±0.29	2.55±0.36	0.37

Mean scores received by the experiment and control groups from the knowledge test for evaluation of respiration were calculated (Table 2). No statistically significant difference were found between the groups in terms of pretest mean scores ( $p > 0.05$ ). However, posttest mean scores were higher in the experimental group compared to the control group, and there was a significant difference between the posttest mean scores of the two groups ( $p < 0.01$ ). Maximum score of the students from the both groups were found to be received from the posttest (Table 2).

**Table 2. Mean scores of the knowledge test for evaluation of respiration (N=60).**

Knowledge test for evaluation of respiration		Groups		Test Value
		Experimental (n=30)	Control (n=30)	P
Pretest	Mean±SD	68.66±13.57	70.16±13.54	Z: -.463 <sup>a</sup> .643
Posttest	Mean±SD	84.16±8.31	72.50±13.56	Z:-3.438 <sup>a</sup> .001*
Posttest-Pretest	Difference Test Value p	15.50±11.54 Z: -4.482 <sup>b</sup> .000*	2.33±3.65 Z: -2.977 <sup>b</sup> .003*	Z: -4.379 <sup>a</sup> .000*

<sup>a</sup>Mann Whitney U Test, <sup>b</sup>Wilcoxon Ranks Test, \*  $p < 0.01$

Looking to the intragroup evaluations, there was a statistically significant change between the pretest and posttest mean scores both in the experiment and the control group ( $p < 0.01$ ).

## DISCUSSION

Nursing education aiming to gain cognitive, psychomotor, and attitudinal behaviours requires the use of an education system and innovative application covering psychomotor, and attitudinal behaviours learning areas enough to gain the specified roles to the students <sup>(1,8)</sup>. Educational animations are one of the multimedia tools playing an important role in education in the health field <sup>(9,10)</sup>. 3D animations are stated to be effective multimedia tools especially in teaching human anatomy and physiology in medical education <sup>(11)</sup>. Although some authors have investigated the use and positive effects of 3D animated videos in nursing education, the number of studies showing role of the 3D animated videos in education of nursing studies is limited. In a university from Scotland, good outcomes were achieved with the use of multimedia in teaching nursing skills <sup>(12)</sup>. Similarly, in another study it was found that videos showing drug management were perceived as good by nursing students <sup>(13)</sup>.

In this study which was conducted to determine the effect of 3D animation education designed for evaluation of respiration on knowledge levels of nursing students, and in which majority of the participants were female, school success averages were similar, indicating that the groups were similar (Table 1).

Studies have reported that a combined use with an innovative education system (e-learning, simulation, 3D animation etc.) rather than face to face traditional method will be more effective in raising knowledge level of students <sup>(13-15)</sup>. Within this context, in this study conducted to determine effectiveness of the education on knowledge levels for evaluation of respiration was evaluated between the students who received 3D animation assisted education combined with the traditional method and the students who received traditional education alone (PowerPoint technique and verbal narration); there was a significant difference between the groups in terms of posttest mean scores, and the mean scores were higher in the student who received 3D animation assisted education (Table 2:  $p < 0.01$ ). In line with this result, it can be said that the use of 3D animation assisted education positively affected quality of education given for nursing students. In a study by Pandey <sup>(13)</sup> it was reported that 3D animation assisted briefing followed by practice developed learning in nursing students. In a study by Akin Korhan et al. <sup>(8)</sup>, students stated that watching the videos before skills laboratory practice facilitated and supported their learning.

## CONCLUSION

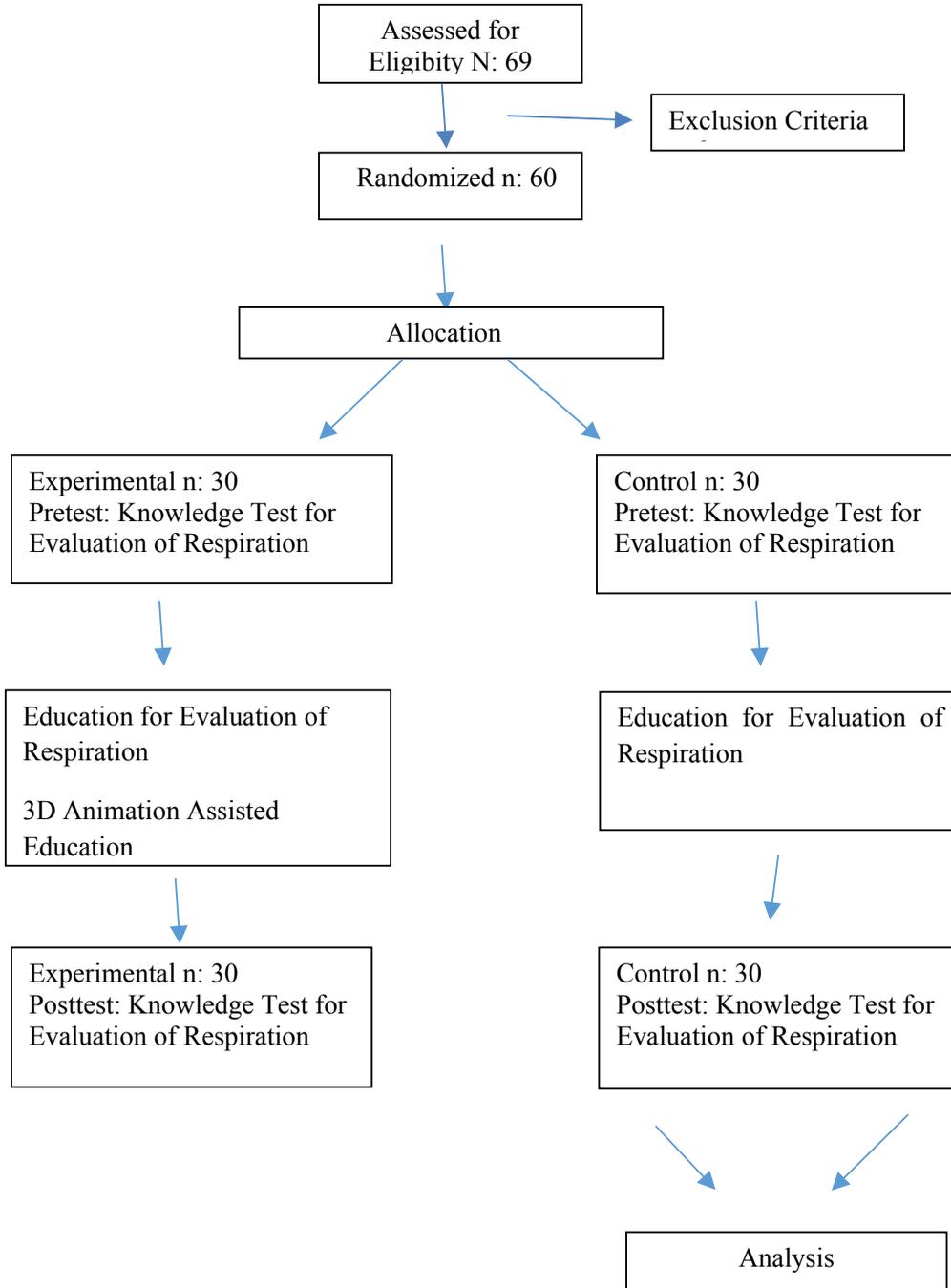
Results of this study indicated that the combined use of traditional education method (PowerPoint technique and face to face verbal narration) with 3D animation assisted education may have positive effects on knowledge levels of nursing students for evaluation of respiration.

As a limitation, we included only studies receiving education in grade two of the nursing department. Further studies with larger samples with comparison between the classes would enhance the research on this issue.

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### Flow Chart



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