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Nursing Students Urge Professor to Require IHI Open School Courses

Nola Della-Monica, PhD, RN, an assistant professor of nursing at Emmanuel College in Boston, assigned each student in her *Advanced Roles in Professional Nursing* class one of the IHI Open School courses last spring. The idea was that each student would learn the content and then share that knowledge with the rest of the class. When she asked the class for feedback about the assignment, they had one piece of feedback that stood out: Assign all the Open School courses.



"They said, 'This is so important that you need to make it a requirement for everyone,'" Della-Monica says. "They thought the content was so pertinent to their current practice." Read more about how [Emmanuel is integrating the Open School courses](#) and how [your school can do it, too](#).

What We're Reading: 'The Social Movement Drive'

In "The Social Movement Drive: A Role for Junior Doctors in Healthcare Reform," an article in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, Andy Carson-Stevens, an IHI Open School Regional Leader, and several colleagues explain that junior doctors and students are the "eyes and ears of health care" and are critical to improving our systems today. "Junior doctors are independently seeking knowledge and skills such as the systematic examination of processes used in healthcare delivery, teamwork assessment and improvement, and the use of measurement and statistics in daily work from organizations such as the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School," write the authors.

The authors close the article with a call to action: "Knowledge and reflection combined with personal courage may be the key assets for confronting cultural resistance to change in healthcare. Junior doctors must embrace the current climate and be the architects of high-quality services for patients. The time to act is now." [For a limited time only, we're pleased to offer special free access to the full text article here.](#)

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Deadline Approaching: Calkins Memorial Scholarship

Full-time students interested in attending [IHI's 25th Annual National Forum](#) in December still have time to apply for the David Calkins Memorial Scholarship, which covers the cost of general conference fees as well as up to \$1,000 in travel, lodging, and expenditures. [See submission guidelines and requirements](#) to get your application in by October 11.

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