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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of Educational Resources' monthly newsletter, *Let's Talk Testing*.

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Located in Kansas City, ERI employs a staff of over 50 individuals dedicated to serving the needs of clients. In addition, ERI has a professional faculty comprised of expert clinicians and educators from across the United States.

ERI hopes this newsletter serves as a valuable forum for discussing relevant trends in nursing education.

This newsletter is dedicated to meeting the needs of nurse educators and focusing on current trends in nursing education, with a particular emphasis on developments in diagnostic testing. Contributors will include Educational Resources' own staff of nurse educator specialists, experts drawn from ERI's national faculty, and guest contributors.

My name is Tara Pennington, and, as a recent addition to ERI's staff, I am very pleased to be editing *Let's Talk Testing*. As a new editor, I would appreciate any input or topic recommendations readers may have.

Seeking Guest Contributors

Are you willing to share your testing/teaching/program development expertise? If so, please contact ERI about becoming a guest contributor for *Let's Talk Testing*.



level positions. She consults with BSN and ADN nurse educators across the nation as they integrate Total Testing™ into their curriculums. In addition, as ERI's Director of Test Development, Linda oversees and coordinates the activities of test item writers.

Linda enjoys helping her clients strengthen their nursing programs. She says, "In my 30+ years of teaching, this is the first time I've actually worked with a product [Total Testing™] that produces such positive student outcomes."

Naturally gregarious, a highlight in Linda's career is meeting her faculty clients at conferences. She is always encouraged by their dedication and

commitment to the success of nursing education. So, if assistance is needed integrating Total Testing™ into a nursing curriculum, call for Linda Booth.

SPOTLIGHT



on Linda Booth

In each issue of the newsletter, *Spotlight* will introduce ERI employees with whom clients may communicate on a routine basis. This section will also highlight the employee's contributions to meeting client and company needs.

This premier issue introduces Linda Booth, RN, BSN, MS. Linda earned her Bachelor of Nursing at Mary Mount College of Salina, KS, and completed a Masters of Education in Curriculum Development at Kansas State University. Associated with ERI since 1983, Linda presently serves as Director of Test Development and a Curriculum Specialist.

Linda is uniquely qualified to oversee curriculum development at Educational Resources. She adds to her theoretical foundation over 30 years of hands-on experience in faculty and administrative

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Announcing Our Newest CD Series, *Basic Concepts in Statistical Analysis*

Basic Concepts in Statistical Analysis CD series is written and presented by Larry Simmons, RN, PhD. Dr. Simmons has been the Director of Statistical Research at ERI for the past year and focuses on statistical principles and the psychometrics of testing.

ERI recently released the first CD of this series entitled **Reliability and Validity: Tools for Evaluation**. In this presentation, Dr. Simmons reviews the statistical concepts of reliability and validity as they pertain to test construction and the administration of nationally normed test instruments. He further explains how to apply these principles to meeting the new NLNAC guidelines of accreditation.

In addition to his discussion of reliability and validity, Dr. Simmons

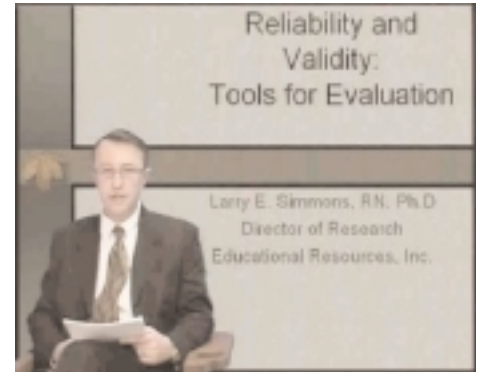
provides a list of web sites that offer valuable statistical services. A nursing program may access these sites, free of charge, to receive a statistical analysis of semester exams.

Dr. Simmons and ERI believe nurse educators will find this presentation quite helpful and encourage clients to use this CD as an in-service for staff members, either individually or as a group.

Basic Concepts in Statistical Analysis presentations are a part of the support included with Educational Resources' Total Testing™ package. Watch for the release of Dr. Simmons' second presentation in this series, **Criterion-Related(Predictive) Validity Study**.

Total Testing Clients:

Have you received your free CD copy of **Reliability and Validity: Tools for Evaluation**? Contact your ERI Educational Consultant today to get your copy.



ERI Forges Ahead With Web Based Remediation *Another Piece of the Total Testing™ Package*

Introduced in the fall of 2001, ERI's web based remediation has gained popularity among nurse educators and students.

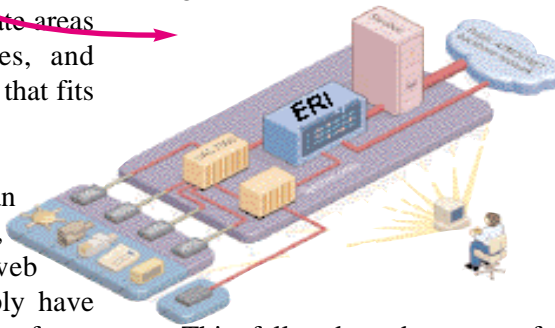
Since its release last year, ERI's web based remediation has seen a 40% increase in usage. Many instructors are utilizing this tool to help remediate areas of weakness in student studies, and students have a remediation plan that fits their schedules.

ERI's web based remediation can be accessed 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week from any web browser. Instructors must simply have students complete a registration form. Each student is then assigned a unique student identification number. This unique ID allows students access to the Educational Resources web site

(<http://www.eriworld.com>) for secured

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remediation. Students may also print syllabi from the remediation web site for verification of completed Remediation assignments.



This fall, take advantage of ERI's Web Based Remediation. ERI is confident it is a great tool for nurse educators and students. For further information, please contact an Educational Consultant at ERI.



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Every man is the son of his own works. -Miguel de Cervantes, novelist (1547-1616)