



NAZARETH COLLEGE PROVIDES SELF-SERVICE FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Lab signups for students at Nazareth College used to involve a trip to campus, a piece of paper and a resource to manage the requests. Determined to serve its dedicated nursing students more efficiently, Nazareth found, in Astra Schedule, a more effective way to schedule lab time, track the time online and avoid the trip to campus.

Room Partitioning

Using Room Partitions in Astra Schedule, Mike Scalise, Computer Programmer/Analyst, divided Nazareth's only large lab room into three separate spaces under one "parent" room. This now allowed three students to reserve and use the room simultaneously. However, on skills testing days (M, R, F), only one student would be allowed to use the room per half-hour block. To accommodate this policy, Scalise added Room Controls to block partitions B and C on those days—allowing only partition A to be scheduled.

Security and LDAP Integration

A separate login was created for each student and was authenticated using LDAP. Scalise mapped the Astra Schedule roles for these students to an LDAP group. Users are created automatically when the students log in to Astra Schedule (through Active Directory integration), which removed the need to create users manually.

Astra Schedule's granular security settings allowed Scalise to give the students limited access to the software. The security role for nursing students is configured to allow them to view and reserve only the approved nursing lab spaces from a customized calendar view.

Email Verification and Confirmation

Students receive their reservation summaries by email. Scalise notes that this helps in three ways: 1) Students are more likely to remember their reservations if they see them in their email; 2) If there is a discrepancy over who is scheduled to use the space, the confirmations serve as an audit trail; and 3) Students can cancel their reservations online which sends confirmations and opens the space for other students.

Scalise predicts that this process will be adopted by other departments. "This saves time for someone who would otherwise have to manage the request process," Scalise notes. "It removes the need for someone to have to field phone calls and provides better self-service to our students."



Nazareth COLLEGE

FOUNDED: 1924

LOCATED: Rochester, NY

ENROLLMENT: 2039 undergraduate;
1091 graduate

OFFERING: 47 majors and programs

"When we installed Astra Schedule campus-wide, it was meant for faculty, staff and some student workers. We hadn't explored the advantages of giving the general student population access to it. Now we are providing better self-service to our students while reducing our work load."

—Mike Scalise

Computer Programmer/Analyst



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