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Cooperative learning in pharmacy - design and reactions -

Insights into the pilot run of the postgraduate online course "Clinical Pharmacy"

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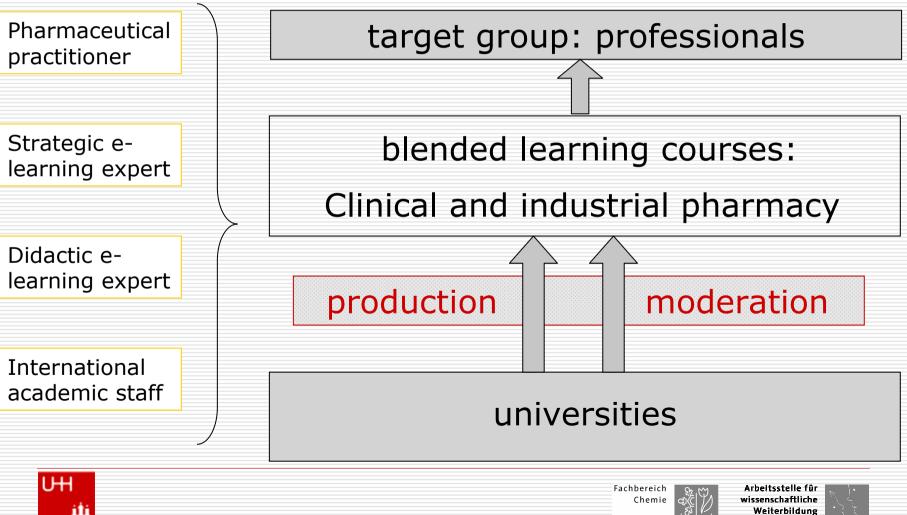
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Concept - cooperation in development



Partners in Hamburg / Germany

Department of Chemistry:

Content development

- AWW (Arbeitsstelle für wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung):
 - Management of postgraduate e-learning modules/courses
 - "Train the E-Trainer"- qualification:

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Didactic e-learning expert continuous input and support during course / project development







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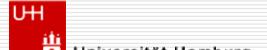
Pilot run - Outline

Introductory module: "Virtual Teamwork"

- f2f session : 23.08.08 + 4 weeks online, workload: 30 h
- Introduction of the learning platform
- Web-related communication skills
- Skills for virtual group work

First pharmacy module:

- f2f sessions: 18.10.08 and 28.02.09
- Collaborative online phase: 19.10.08 28.02.2009
- Workload 110 h
- individual work + group work + plenary work

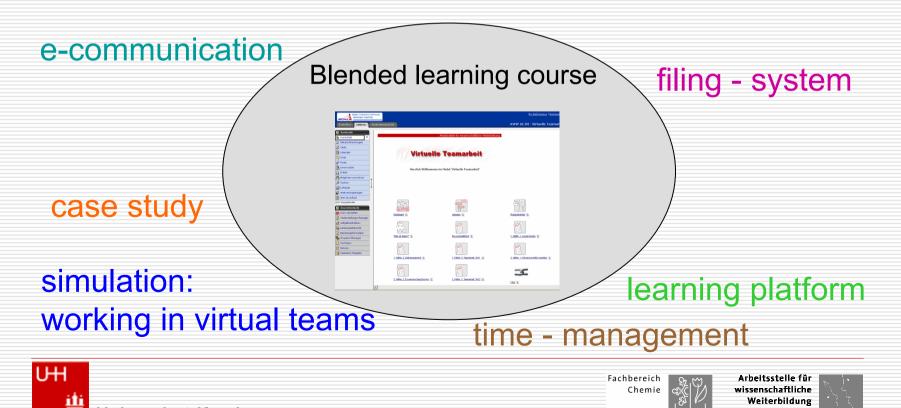






Pilot run - design

Virtual Teamwork: What is it about? What is needed? What is important?



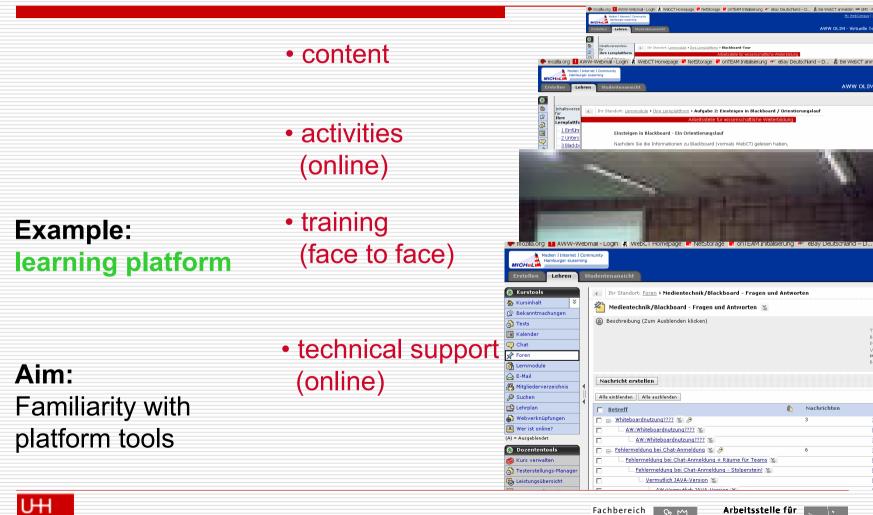
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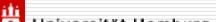
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"Virtual Teamwork"

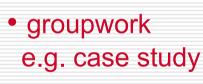
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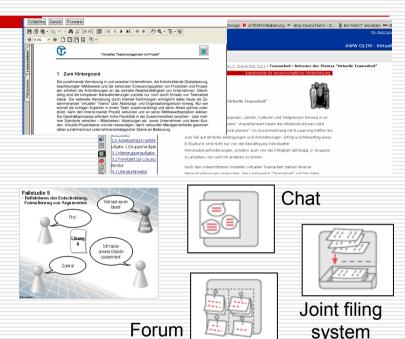
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Example: Working in virtual teams

Aims:

- experiencing,
- recognising and reflecting on DOs and DON'Ts
- train good practice
 support





- Checklists, e.g. breaking tasks into parts, division of responsibilities,
- tips for structuring forums, naming of files,
- facilitation by e-moderators

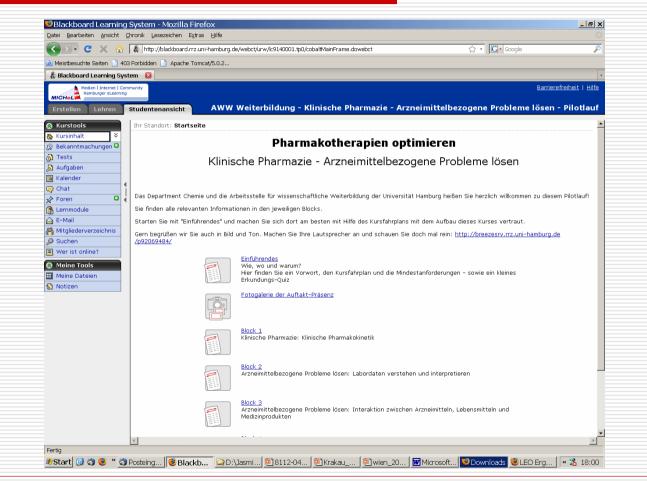






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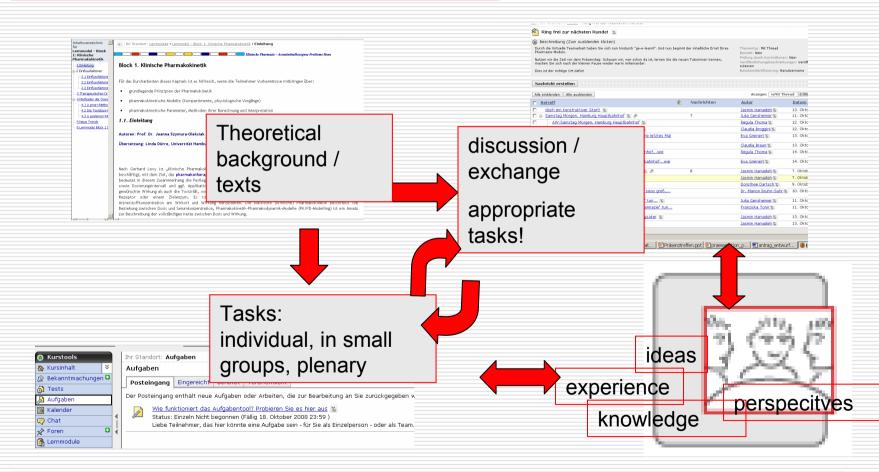






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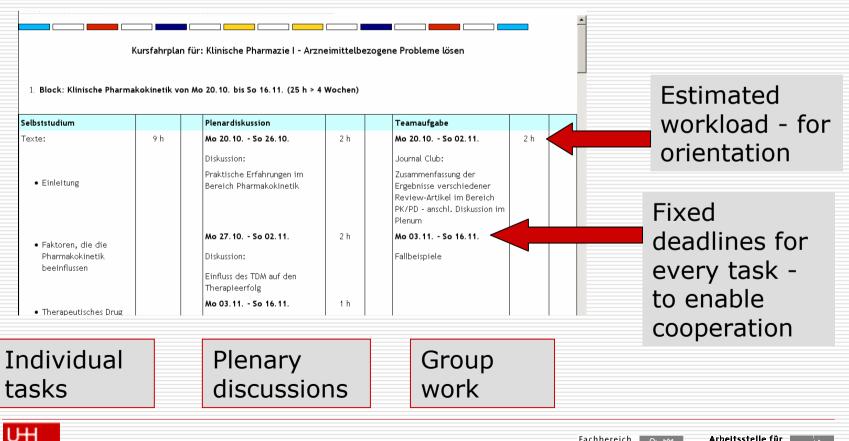




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Typical Course timetable:



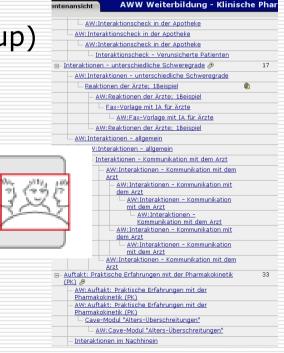
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Pilot run - design

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Why group and plenary work?

- Learning targets
 - Benefit from diversity (group buildup)
 - Motivation
- Typical group tasks
 - Writing abstracts
 - case study
- Typical plenary task
 - Sharing experience
 - Discussing different approaches









Pilot run - requirements

"Rules" for participants



- Regular check of e-mails and postings in the forums (daily, at least every third day)
- Informing group and tutors about times of absence
- Appointing responsible person for every group task
- Getting in contact with tutors when there are difficulties in time management or group organisation







Pilot run - requirements

Tutors contribution

- Team building at the f2f meeting
- Facilitating participants' online activities and group work
- Giving feedback to group solutions (content, process, team)
- Input and feedback by external experts

regularly and reliably









Pilot run - reactions

towards cooperative learning



- Provided team settings were accepted.
- Team building activities were appreciated.
- Participants realised the potential benefit of group work.
- They dissapproved tight online schedule.
- They approved organisational support by tutors.







Pilot run - observations

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First week online

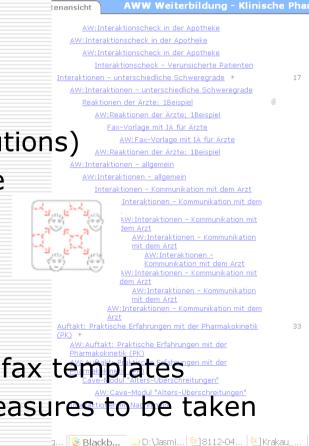
First plenary discussion (experience in the field of pharmacokinetics)

- Intensive interaction (84 contributions)
- Notably frank and open exchange

Main topics of interest

- Routines of interaction check
- Dosage adjustment
- Databases, literature, checklists, fax templates
- Typical problems and possible measures to be taken











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Pilot run - observations

Main topics of interest - extended version

Interaction-Check

- Routine in many community and hospital pharmacies
- Questions: warn all patients with specific OTC-medications (minerals, St. John's wort, NSAR, ephedrins...)? \rightarrow generate checklist
- Data bases used: ABDA data base, Pharmavista, Up to Date, Micromedex
- Problems arise mainly with clinical relevance of interactions (polypharmacy, flood of interaction warnings, incongruent classifications in different data bases...) and lack of data (customer cards may be helpful, electronic patient records optimal)
- Measures taken: Inform prescribing doctor (e.g. phone, fax) about major interactions, counsel patient about intermediate interactions, recommend observation of specific symptoms if possible

Other areas of activity

- Cytostatics dosage: Check for plausibility in some pharmacies, participation in ward rounds desired
- Dosage adjustment in reanl insufficiency: recommendation of ,dosing.de`

Practice recommendations

- Literature and data bases (contents, advantages, disadvantages...)
- Cases and questions encountered
- Individual interaction lists used
- Fax templates for informing doctors about a given recommendation







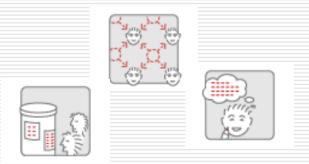
Pilot run - observations

First group work: Writing a summery of an English review article on pharmacokinetics

group forum + chatroom



- organisational support was necessary for some groups
 - group work was very profitable
 - knowledge sharing
 - shared labour
 - deeper reflection
 - mutual motivation



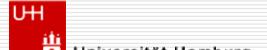






First conclusions

- Idea of cooperative learning worked out
 - Learning targets
 - Benefit from diversity (group buildup)
 - Motivation
- Tasks need to be appropriate
- Requirements expected are adequate
- "Virtual Teamwork" = important preparation
 - Team building activities were successful
 - Continuous facilitation is essential







Work in progress: future modules

- 1. Part (110 h) Solving drug-related problems
- □ 2. Part (125 h) Information and counselling
- □ 3. Part (125 h) Pharmacotherapy
- 4. Part (90 h) Special aspects of hospital pharmacy/ Special aspects of community pharmacy







Thank you for your attention!

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