

Maximizing Brand Awareness & Trust Through Evergreen Video Content



Agenda - Context, then GROW

Context: Weber State University

- 1. G: Groundwork Laying the foundation
- 2. R: Refinement Resources for creation
- 3. O: Outreach Distribution tactics
- **4. W**: Witness Identifying measures of success

Context

What/Where is Weber State University?

- 1 of 9 Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Institutions
- 1 of 21 Post-Secondary Options available to students in Utah
 - 9 USHE Institutions
 - 8 Technical Colleges
 - 4 Private Non-Profit Institutions
- Best Return-on-investment (ROI) college in Utah
- Major partner with Hill Air Force Base
- 32,000+ students enrolled Fall 2024, all-time highest
 - 3rd largest university in Utah by enrollment



Groundwork

Laying the foundation for growth

- Strategic Initiatives: Increasing Awareness of WSU's value proposition
 - Continual Push for Marketing & Communications to highlight Hallmark Programs
 - Health Professions (Nursing) & Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical & Energy)
 - Increase the WSU perception of high-quality* among the first-year admits
 - increase the WSU top-of-mind awareness of the population*
- Content Exploration: Identified content with historical viewership on Weber State's YouTube Channel
 - Dental Hygiene Instructional Videos

YOUTUBE CONTENT CREATION

WSU Dental Hygiene Video Analysis

Leveraging the most important characteristics found within the WSU Dental Hygiene videos will establish structure and methodology for creating nursing based content in 2024.

Italicize/Bold = Characteristics to Pursue

QUALITY OF TOPIC

- For established Dental Practitioners, Students, etc who are aware of the dental industry/terminology.
 - Audience
- Covers correct AND incorrect techniques, tips, and process within hygiene program.
 - Visual Demonstration
- Utilizes figure of authority (Professor Kami Hanson) to provide expertise to content covered
 - Persuasion
- Analogies/Metaphors/Similes as a form of clarification of new information
 - Education

ESTABLISHED STRUCTURE

- Established titling that includes WSU Branding, keywords of focus, and subject matter of focus
 - WSU Dental Hygiene Adaption, Angulation, and Activation
 - WSU: Branding
 - Dental Hygiene: Keyword
 - Adaptation, Angulation, and Activation: Subject Matter
- "Graphic" thumbnails covering the subject matter of content
 - Engagement
- Order of steps based on actual application of knowledge in real world
 - o Thoroughness & Up-To-Date

TRAFFIC SOURCING

- Majority of traffic comes from three places to target:
- Suggested Videos
 - Relevancy
- YouTube Search
 Keyword Optimization
- External (Links)
 - User-Friendly & Reliable
- Direct (bookmarking)
 - Problem Solving

ENGAGEMENT

Groundwork - Analysis

- Videos lacked graphics, bullet points, and visual stimulus to organize content
- Need for Visual Clarity
- Videos lacked cutting and baseline editing features
- Need for Concise Duration
- Videos lacked proper equipment for audio & video
 - Need for Increased Media Quality
- Narrative includes "VO" and talking to camera
 - Demonstration
- Professional and inclusion of humor in content (when appropriate)
 - Connection

"META" CHARACTERISTICS

- 7 total videos under WSU Dental Hygiene
- Playlist Optimized
- 4 Month Timeline from first video to last video
 - Timeliness
- Duration ranges from 4 minutes to 20
 - Various performance based on duration. Content should have concise duration depending on material covered
 - Efficiency

Refinement – Content Strategy

Resources for Creation

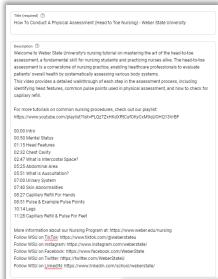
- Previous content filmed for introductory nursing courses
 - Internal video content management: Kaltura
- Substantial search volume of nursing-related content on Google/YouTube
 - SEO Tool: AHREFS
- MOGRTS & additional tools for enhancing content
 - Asset Website: Envato Elements

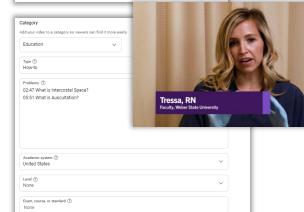


Refinement – Content Strategy

Rigorous Optimization

- Links to Nursing Website and applicable external sources
- Evergreen principles
 - Timelessness
 - Non-branded subject focus
 - Authority
- Utilizing graphic overlays to convey information, steps, & additional visualizations to inform and entertain audiences.
- · Refinement of drafts & various iterations of content style

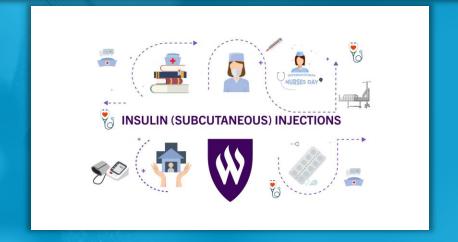












Outreach - Distribution Tactics

Metadata Categories - CONSISTENCY

Descriptive

 Titles, Descriptions, Tags, Categories, Thumbnail, Language, Captions

Structural

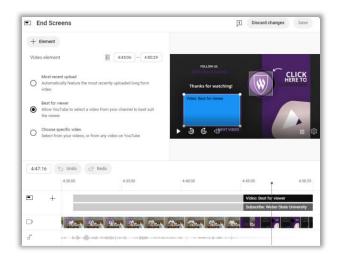
• Chapters, Playlists, End Screens, Cards

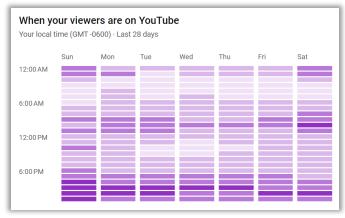
Administrative

 Upload Dates & Times, Licenses, Embeddability, Location

Technical

Resolution, Aspect Ratio, Duration, Codec & Bitrate





Outreach - Total Distribution

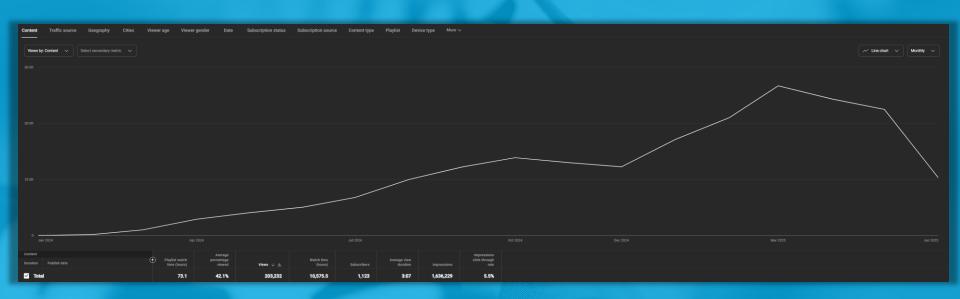
Distribution - How To Guides

- Content Categories Included:
 - Giving Injections
 - Central Lines
 - Setting Up Equipment
 - Administration Techniques
- Weekly distribution published based on popular viewership times from current audience
- ONLY published on YouTube

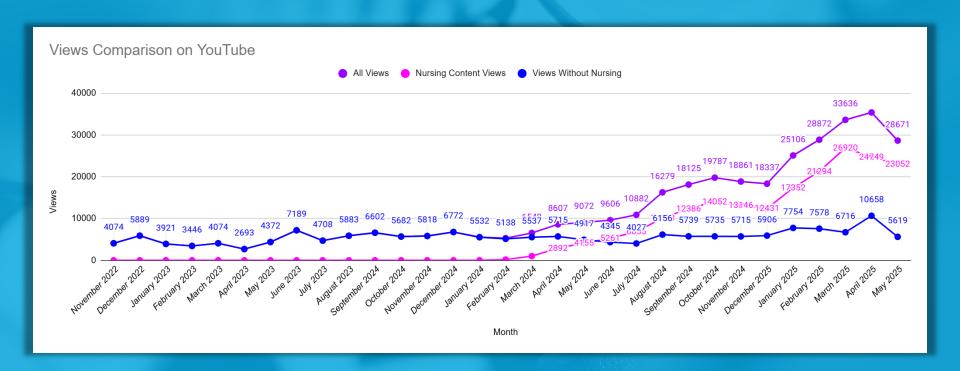
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How-To Videos created from February 10, 2024 – December 7, 2024

Following data is from Jan 1, 2024 – June 16, 2025



Content Duration Publish date	Playlist watch time (hours)	Average percentage viewed	Views <u>∧</u>	Watch time (hours) ↓	Subscribers	Average view duration	Impressions	Impressions click-through rate
✓ Total	73.1	42.1%	203,232	10,575.5	1,123	3:07	1,636,229	5.5%



Measures of Success

- Impressions click-through-rate: 5.5% (2.1-9.7%)
- 32.4% of Viewership comes Externally
 - Google Search: 71.8% (47.2K)
 - WhatsApp: 3.3% (2.2k)
 - Now seeing instances of AI utilizing content:
 - ChatGPT.com (Website)
 - Com.openai.chatgpt (Mobile)

66.11%

Overall viewership on YouTube Channel, while only representing 6% of all videos published.

*from selected dates

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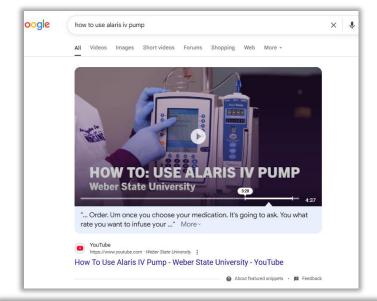
- YouTube Search: 19%
 - 99% of YouTube Search was *non-branded* keywords
- Age: 62% of viewership came from users 18-24
- Gender: 97% Females
- Device: 63% of viewership from Mobile
- Geography: 44% of viewership from U.S.
 - California, Texas, New York: Top Tier
 - Florida, Pennsylvania, Utah: Second Tier
 - *India*, Philippines, Saudi Arabia: Third Tier

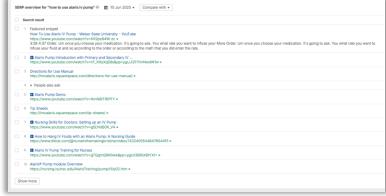
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Subscribers added from this content alone.

Competitive Landscape

- Highest Growth Rate for YouTube account among Public Institutions in Utah
- Variety of non-branded keywords resulting in top SERP spots, including Featured Snippets. Examples include:
 - How to IV Push
 - How To Use Alaris IV Pump
 - How to Change Chest Tube Dressing
 - How To Central Line Blood Draw





Measures of Disappointment

- No substantial increase to website traffic through this session source (GA4)
- Newest content, focusing on Sepsis, lacks viewership and interaction compared to how-to guides
 - What is content vs. How to content
- Difficulty continuing series based on availability of Faculty members
- Limited insight to Google Searches within YouTube that resulted in External Viewership

Next Steps

- Validation: Evergreen Content can/will be useful for Awareness of University's key programs and disciplines
- Audience: Strong female audience engagement on mobile devices is something to leverage in future health professions content.
- **Content**: Tutorials over explainers consistently drive higher engagement and trust within this evergreen framework.
 - **Explore**: Creating How-to guides for other hallmark programs associated with Weber State University.





Conclusion

Tangible Actions for Your Institution

- Identify a gap of knowledge that your institution has expertise or can address in an ethical manner
 - Institutions can be Educational Influencers
- Consistency over Quantity, but don't neglect either
- Time is your ally with this content. Don't be afraid to let the data run.
- Iterations and variations should be created to enhance strategy, not complicate
- Not considering video as a form of Digital Strategy will impact your online presence profoundly.

I look forward to seeing your content GROW!

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