Active Learning Technique Steps

As in all classes, students typically wait until the last minute to complete assignments and/or study for exams. By using the online learning platform: ALEKS, in my course, I have been able to change this mindset. Students were asked to participate in a daily ALEKS regiment.

Students who completed this daily dose of ALEKS would receive five points on the corresponding exam. The daily dose of ALEKS is to spend a minimum of 31 mins a day on ALEKS and learn at least one topic. Students would need to learn all topics by the due date.

Benefit to Student

There were several benefits from implementing this technique:

1. Students saw the benefit of learning a little each day was better than trying to cram on the last day. This helps promote better study habits in future courses.

2. Students spent more time engaged in course content which led to a better retention of information.

3. Students who completed the daily dose of ALEKS, had an exam average of at least 10 pts higher than those who didn’t.

4. Majority of students, who completed the daily dose of ALEKS, passed their exam. Therefore, they are seeing the fruits of their hard work.

5. Students, who completed the daily dose of ALEKS, would talk to other students in the class to encourage them to do it.