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Challenges

- Using an online homework system that was tough to navigate.
- Procrastination and juggling the myriad responsibilities of being a college student.

Solution

- CengageNOW for Taxation

Results

- Better understanding of tax homework and the process of finding the correct answer.
- Less time wasted navigating the system and looking for help.



Student Success Story

Tax student gains critical thinking skills, efficiency, and concept mastery with CengageNOW for Tax

Nina Messery, a full-time student at William Patterson University in New Jersey, is deep into her accounting classes as she shoots for her goal of becoming CPA certified and working toward a job in the public accounting field. As a junior, Messery is quickly learning that her discipline-specific courses are becoming more challenging, and as such, require better preparation and concept mastery.

“Overall, I really like tax,” said Messery. “There are a lot of rules and different regulations but I like the structure. Reading through the chapter, there can be a lot of information which can be overwhelming.”

Like many college students, she admits she waits too long to get started with some assignments, which can add to her daily stress. “Unfortunately, I’m a procrastinator,” said Messery. “I don’t study until I have to.”

Her current tax class is the only course in which she’s currently using a digital homework resource, which has been helpful, because she explained, “I find that sometimes I don’t know where I’m going wrong.”

The simplicity and step-by-step process of CengageNOW for Tax helps improve the homework experience

In past courses, Messery used an online homework tool that was hard to navigate and getting help was difficult. Her current Tax 1 class uses CengageNOW for Tax, (CNOW), an online collection of resources that provides students with engaging homework assignments, instant performance feedback, and problem solving skills that result in improved exam performance.

The cloud-based collection of tools was created to help students master difficult concepts, reach higher levels of thinking, and achieve the level of mastery they need to be successful in the real world.

Messery finds CNOW easy to use and is helping her identify problem areas that require more study time. Although she doesn’t consider herself a tech-savvy person, Messery is happy with the use of CengageNOW for her needs. “I like CengageNOW a lot, especially the Check My Work problems. The program is quite easy to navigate, which makes it easy to find what I need; it was easy to get started.”

Messery explains that she likes the program’s convenience and step-by-step process of how to get answers to problems. **“CengageNOW’s post-submission feedback allows me to see where I’m making mistakes,” she said. “Plus, having everything online is really convenient; everything is organized and I don’t have to go through papers.”**



“CengageNOW helps you get a better grade and consolidates the course a bit. It offers a lot of good support for students.”

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As with most careers, accounting requires critical thinking, and Messery is happy that through the use of CengageNOW, she’s polishing those skills. “There are a lot of open-ended problems that require you to work through them and use the knowledge you’ve gained so far,” she said. “I know I did better in the course because of CengageNOW. It gives me an extra chance to get the question right – and get the grade for it, instead of submitting it once and then it’s gone and I don’t have a chance to improve my grade.”



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