



Foundations of Education Course Reflection



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Introductions

For this assignment, I made a brief presentation to help break up the paragraphs for my reflection. I hope you enjoy, and I wanted to let you know that I did enjoy this class, and I look forward to any upcoming courses! Thank you!

Online Textbook

I felt the online textbook was quite informative for our class, but I appreciated that the textbook assignments were not overly heavy. I enjoyed that we talked more about the textbooks in class rather than actually having assignments for them. This allowed for funnier assignments, and I enjoyed that aspect. If I had to pick any chapter that I learned the most from, I would say it would be “Chapter #6: Curriculum: Planning, Assessment, & Instruction”. I thought it was very beneficial to get that information on the different types of curriculum, and given my current circumstances at the school I work at, I thought it was very helpful and will likely be used throughout the year. This also helped us dive into the standards and understand how state standards correlate with the curriculum that is being taught.

Course Structure

I enjoyed this class as an 8-week course, and I thought it was plenty of time to learn what needed to be learned. The coursework wasn't super heavy and was easily achievable. This was my first hybrid course, and although I was hesitant about how connecting weekly over Zoom was going to go, I actually really enjoyed it. It actually gave me a little break in my week, which was appreciated. Part of me wishes this were at the Littleton campus, as it is closer to me, but nevertheless, it was good.

Assignments/Activities

I thought the activities and assignments were excellent and informative. I believe the lessons really focused on our futures and careers rather than a class to pound information into us. It was designed to help provide us resources on how we want to be as teachers, and I found that pretty cool. I enjoyed being able to carve a pumpkin in class, and I thought the apple assignment was cool and a good play on the “bring a teacher an apple” mental concept. The only assignment I genuinely wasn’t a huge fan of was the group project, but at the same time, I do understand why it needed to happen as well. I definitely think 1 group assignment was enough for the course, though.

Career Connections

As for career connections, I think I learned some valuable information to benefit me in my current career. I found connections even to my Video Game Club that I run, as I do curriculum and learning within it. We also don't have a middle school math or english teacher right now, and the social studies and science teachers are doing it instead. Being able to understand the standards better now is definitely beneficial because, frankly, it is all hands on deck right now, and even I am helping with many of the lessons at this point. Learning how to be a better teacher and learn how to help students learn from doing rather than sitting is really beneficial. It models how I want to be as a teacher, so I greatly appreciate it.

Conclusion

Overall, I would say it was a great course that I learned many concepts from. I think it definitely was a great introduction into the world of education and sets up the foundations that we need for success. I am happy I took this course when I did, and I look forward to seeing what is to come! Thank you, and have a great rest of your year!