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Name and Date of conference attended:

The Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Conference, March 4-8, 2015

Teaching Skill(s) Studied:

Improving student writing. I went to several sessions on this. One session I really liked talked about a mentoring approach to writing, and assigning peer mentors to assist with writing. Another session talked about social media use as a student and as a future practitioner.

Materials to prepare for BASW reaffirmation. I met with an accreditation specialist and talked about getting prepared for reaffirmation. I attended a brainstorming session where a number of programs got together to discuss assessment and measurement, and another session on curriculum mapping.

Impact on Current Teaching (How was this info applied)?

I started conversations in my classes about the use of social media as a result of these conversations. I did make some adjustments to my writing assignments, actually increasing the number of assignments and shortening the length of the assignment. In terms of reaffirmation materials, I am preparing to use these as I spend my sabbatical focused on curriculum redesign. I am grateful for the TSSAs, as I will be using information I gained at this conference and previously TSSA sponsored conferences to complete curriculum redesign to, hopefully, create an capstone course for our major.

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