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Reflection Guide

Please use this as a guide for writing a reflection that earns a module level badge. You may complete this guide and upload it as your submission if you would like.

Criteria	Meets	
Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>The technique that I have chosen and implemented from this module is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively asking questions and using student responses to inform instruction. <p>I implemented this technique by adjusting my instruction using my student responses.</p> <p>I chose this technique because it's part of my teaching philosophy. Every student has his/her own way of learning, and it is my job to find out how to present my lesson in a way that they could effectively understand.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>Successes: The students always appreciated it whenever I asked for their input regarding my form of instruction. It makes them feel like their learning is somewhat personalized by their educator.</p> <p>Challenge: a small percentage of students do not know how to respond to my adjustment in instructions. These small number of students also verbalized that they do not have a preference in learning. The even greater challenge for me then, is to guide them in realizing their effective learning experience.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	This technique from the module was implemented by constantly asking for my students' feedback on how much they are learning, based on how I am presenting their lessons.

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Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>The technique that I learned and implemented from this module is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use exam wrappers or cognitive wrappers to prompt student reflection. <p>I utilized this technique because I learned that not all online classes are based on assignments. Essays are an important part of the students' coursework, as it helps them to gain more insight about the lesson plan.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>Using an Essay to prompt the students into thinking through their lesson's content was a huge success. Not only did the students verbalized being able to "write and reflect" about their lessons; they also concluded that they will remember it more because they were asked to translate and summarize it into their own words.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	<p>I used the technique of "Essay Cognitive Wrapper" and gave my students the following directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reflect upon the following questions that focus on your preparation processes for writing an essay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did I underestimate or overestimate the amount of time needed to (a) research, (b) write, and (c) revise my essay? • Did I review and understand the rubric for the essay? • Did I develop an outline to structure my essay to meet the rubric expectations? • Did I write a draft, review it, and then revise my essay? Did I check for grammar and spelling errors? • Did I recheck the rubric to make sure that my essay met all the expectations? 2. After considering the questions above, post a reflection summary to the designated assignment area in the LMS. Your reflection summary should include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the essay preparation processes that worked best for you,

		<p>b. the essay preparation processes that you found to be less helpful or which you did not follow, and</p> <p>c. a description of how you plan to adjust you processes for preparing and writing a quality essay next time.</p>
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Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>The techniques that I have implemented from this module include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping my students use my feedback to improve by providing detailed feedback on the first online assignment. • Employing technologies to increase efficiency by using blogs, chats, or forums and by using online quizzes with automated feedback. <p>I have chosen these techniques because I am new to online teaching, and have just realized the massive amounts of resources that are available to me, for use during my online lectures.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>Successes:</p> <p>I have come to realize that providing a very detailed feedback of every student's assignment is greatly appreciated and tends to generate better outcomes for the next assignments.</p> <p>By using technologies to increase efficiency; my students found it very convenient to respond to me using our group chats and forums. They also loved the practice online quizzes with automated feedback, as it didn't feel like a quiz to them, but rather, a study session.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	<p>These 3 particular techniques from this module will be used in my weekly online lectures, from now on. My students will utilize their quizzes with automated responses; they will communicate with me using the latest technology that is found to be efficient and convenient; and they will be receiving well-detailed feedback on their homework.</p>

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Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>The technique that I have used from this module consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting with colleagues, administrators, and/or faculty development specialists by asking our lead faculty to “sit” in on one or more of my online classes and provide feedback on my teaching. <p>Because I am definitely a novice when it comes to delivering online instructions, I have shared my Zoom meeting ID with my lead faculty and have invited her to “drop-in” one of my online classes in order to give me some feedback.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>Success: I was able to receive a detailed feedback of my online teaching performance and have received pointers on how to improve.</p> <p>Challenge: Having another faculty “watch” while I teach was intimidating for me and some of my students. However, this was quickly resolved when everyone of my students realized that our lead faculty was there not to “police our mistakes” but to provide worthy pointers and tips during our online class.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	This technique from the module will be used and re-used and re-used until I feel comfortable enough to be called a competent online lecturer.

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Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>I used grading tools to provide meaningful feedback to students by creating a video explaining the rubric criteria to ensure student understanding.</p> <p>I chose to create a video, because, prior to distance learning, I have always provided my feedback in person, talking to my students one on one. Creating this video somewhat is the next best thing to personalizing my feedback to their work.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>The students were ecstatic that they were each getting a “video feedback” on their assignments.</p> <p>One challenge was that the videos took a bit longer to upload because of the size.</p> <p>One success was that creating those videos was a fun and refreshing way of providing my feedback to the students.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	<p>This technique from this module will be utilized while we are doing our clinicals “virtually” or online. I find it justifiable to be able to provide my feedback this way, as there has never been a “virtual clinical” in the history of nursing, ever.</p>

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Description of the technique and explanation of why it was selected	Name a technique from the module, describe how it was implemented, <i>or</i> explain why it was chosen	<p>The technique from this module of using visualization tools that I implemented is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having students generate concept maps. <p>Working as a nursing clinical instructor, I am well familiar with using concept maps to help my students “connect the dots”. I chose this technique because I’d like to adjust my approach by sharing my own concept map to my students at the start of a new lesson.</p>
Successes and challenges encountered	Describe successes or challenges, including student responses to the use of the technique	<p>The amount of positive responses that I got after implementing my adjusted approach to concept maps was excellent. My students appreciated the “model” concept map that I have provided to them at the beginning of our lesson.</p>
Plans for refinement	Specify how the technique(s) from the module will be used or adjusted	<p>I have adjusted the technique from this module by providing my own “pre-filled” concept map as a guide and a blue print for them to follow. Normally I do not provide any examples, but now I learned that by adjusting my approach, I am making a huge difference in my students’ learning experience.</p>