

Final Reflection on Teaching

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Throughout this semester, I have learned many valuable skills in TS 105. I have learned how to access and use HTML in case I ever need to create websites. I have been taught how to use Excel in case I need to make spreadsheets for school or for a job and I also learned how to create a Javascript document. The one thing though, that I am most appreciative to have learned in this course, is the skill of teaching. I will use this skill of teaching for the rest of my life because I want to become a teacher.

I am thankful that TS 105 offered a learning service type of project because it included teaching the clients from Westhab. By creating lesson plans and by actually getting the chance to teach clients the lessons that we had learned, I was able to experience the things associated with being a teacher. By teaching the clients programs like Paint, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint I knew that I had some kind of helpful impact on an individual. In some way, I felt that I had crossed over into actual adulthood because of these feelings that I helped and taught somebody other than myself. Looking back now, I feel very rewarded for having the opportunity to teach others.

Teaching the clients has also prepared me for my future profession. By writing lesson plans for each topic of teaching, I have seen the dedication and preparation it takes to teach an individual. I have truly realized that you have to be prepared and know the topic well that you are teaching in order to guarantee ultimate success for the client. I have also learned that you have to have a lot of patience and you have to be very supportive toward the student. One cannot always assume that they will learn the

necessary steps right away. I have learned that teaching takes time and with time makes patience.

A teacher also must be very supportive of their client. No matter how many times they ask questions or how often they do not understand a concept, it is our duty as teachers to stick with them until the very end, in order for them to have learned to the best of their ability. During the weeks with the Westhab clients, I made sure that I was very helpful and supportive of them. I always made sure that I could explain the programs to the best of my ability and made sure that I had detailed samples to show them. After teaching them how to use the specific computer program, I made sure that I paid very close attention to what they were creating. Even if they did not ask questions, I asked if they needed help anyway and I did this about a hundred times during the lesson. It is always the teacher's responsibility to make sure that the student understands how ^{to} do things. A teacher should know that a client might feel embarrassed or feel ashamed of asking a question, and the teacher should speak up and ask questions anyway to ensure that supportive bond that the student and teacher should have. ^{True too}

I thought TS 105 was a very influential class. I learned many things about the computer, but I also learned a lot about myself as a teacher. ^{Great} I have learned how to prepare myself for my future classes through lesson plans. I have gained the skills needed in order to be an effective teacher like having patience, being helpful, being supportive, asking questions and having an open mind. At the beginning of the semester, I lacked the self-confidence I needed in order to assure myself that I could have an impact on children's lives. Now as the semester comes to a close, I now possess that self-confidence I once lacked and I know that am going to be influential teacher. Who knew that a

computer course could be so life changing? I sure did not think so, but know I am very thankful that it did.

Very insightful Erica.