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Final Reflection Paper

I did not know what to expect when I found out that we would be teaching older adults how to use a computer at a geriatric center. I expected to be at some building that smelled and was run down. UHGC could not have been anymore of the opposite of that. UHGC is actually a pretty nice place for the older adults to live. As for the seniors we would be working with I did not really have high expectations with regards to their abilities. The first week we were there and chose our student to work with, I chose a woman who walked in with a laptop. I thought since she had a computer she may have some basic understanding and it would make my job easier. I think the only thing that was easier about her having a laptop was that I never had to teach her how to use a mouse because she use the touch pad on the lap top. I believe that using a touch pad is a much better way for the seniors to navigate around the computer rather than using a mouse. When she would run out of space on the pad she would pick up her finger put it back down and continue to move the mouse. I noticed that other seniors that I worked with would not think to pick up the mouse but rather they would move the mouse to the edge of the mouse pad and after a couple of minutes the mouse is on the edge of the desk and I have to move the mouse for them so the mouse would not end up on the ground.

Over all I feel like I learned a lot with my experience at UHGC. It made you really test your patience sometimes. For example every week having to go over the same thing that I feel is second nature. I had never taught anyone how to use a computer who had not grown up around one. It was a good experience and I hope I taught them everything that they wanted to know, I just hope that they remember what we did now that we are gone. This is something that I would definitely recommend for other students to do. It is really a good experience and I enjoyed it more than having to sit in a classroom for a few hours. It never seemed like the class at UHGC was that long I feel like I would look at the clock and class should have ended 10 minutes earlier.