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"Engaging Students with Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices in Online Learning Environments"

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Abstract/Overview of Session

This session provided participants an opportunity to explore the development of an online learning environment through a culturally responsive lens. Through the integration of multimodal technology, creating and infusing cultural components, this session provided a fully immersive experience to empower higher education educators to lead in cultivating critical consciousness and to promote educational advancement for all students. Participants of this session were exposed to a variety of technology tools used in the online learning environment that allow students to engage with their learning. By incorporating researched-based practices, the session provided knowledge and resources to participants to illustrate how to create an online learning environment that is culturally inclusive and student-centered.



Teaching, Learning, and Technology Background

Researcher of
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Session Agenda

- 1. Overview of Culturally Responsive Teaching
- 2. Infuse culture into the curriculum
 - Getting to Know Your Students
 - Course Design
 - Transformed Syllabus
 - Learning Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes
 - Classroom Activities
- 3. Instructional technology tools to engage students in the online learning environment.



Culturally Relevant Teaching

- Culturally relevant teaching is presented as a model that seeks to address academic achievement while also working to affirm cultural identity within the classroom, including efforts that seek to minimize the cultural gap between home and school (Ladson-Billings, 1995; Brayboy & Castagno, 2009).
- Culturally relevant teachers empower students by presenting information through "their cultural frames of reference" (Gay, 2010) thus making the information more relatable and meaningful.

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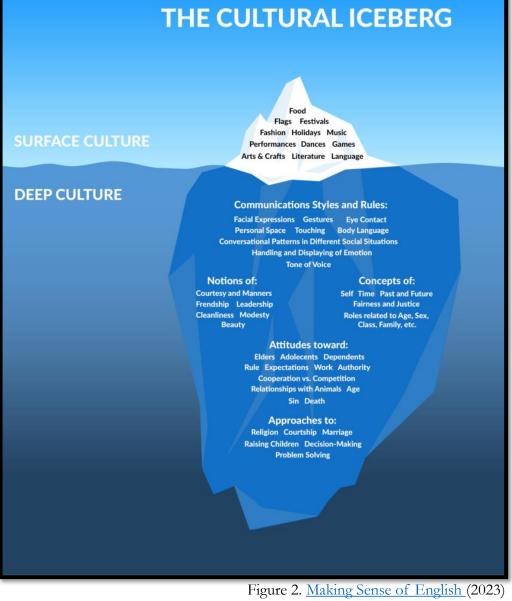
Figure 1. UNCP Photo Smug Mug (2019)



The Iceberg Concept of Culture

Like an iceberg, nine-tenths of culture is below the surface

- Surface Culture mostly seen; Emotional Level – Low
- Shallow Culture unspoken rules: Emotional Level – High
- Deep Culture Unconscious
 Rules: Emotional Level Intense





What do Culturally-Responsive Instructors Do?

Culturally responsive teaching begins with the following:

- using students' cultural experiences in daily instruction (funds of knowledge).
- embracing the native language, history, and culture as assets.
- creating a classroom environment that represents and respects all students.
- communicating clear and high expectations for everyone.

(Gonzalez, 2018)









Introductions

- Start with finding your own Identity
- Own and protect your identity
- The development of knowledge of cultural diversity must begin with understanding more of one's own culture (Backor & Gordon, 2015).

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Learn or Have Access to Students' Names



A simple strategy for creating a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable classroom environment is getting to know and call students by their names.





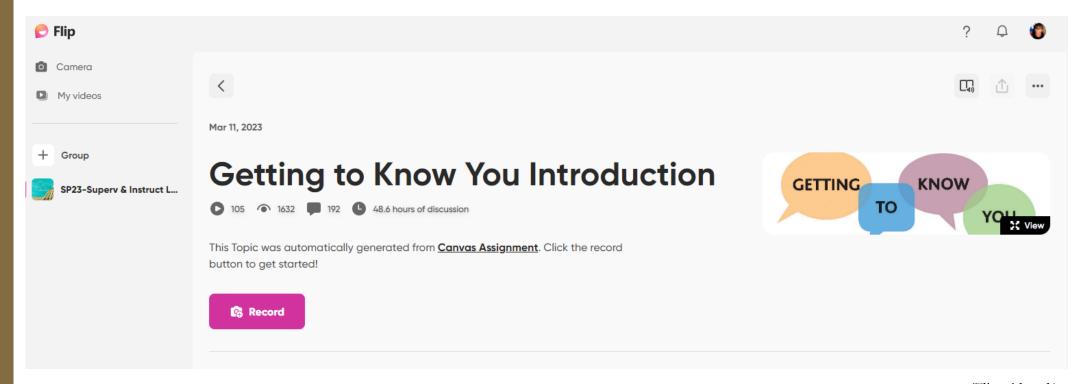
My Name, My Identity

- Please share any story about "your name" that will help others know you a bit better. What is the story behind your name.
- It might be how your parents decided on your first name or about your last name; any story that provides insight into your name and your identity.
- If you have a name that has often been mispronounced (maybe in a school setting) it has probably had an impact on your life.
- Please share these experiences if you can because it will help us be more sensitive to this in our classrooms.

(My Name, My Identity Campaign, 2016)



Using Technology Tools to Engage Students with Introductions



(Flipgrid, n.d.)



What Can We Do?

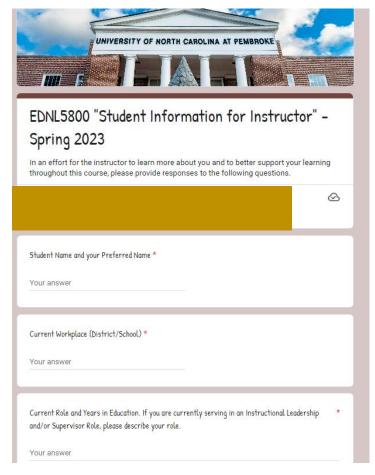
To help students engage in the learning process and acquire the skills to be successful:

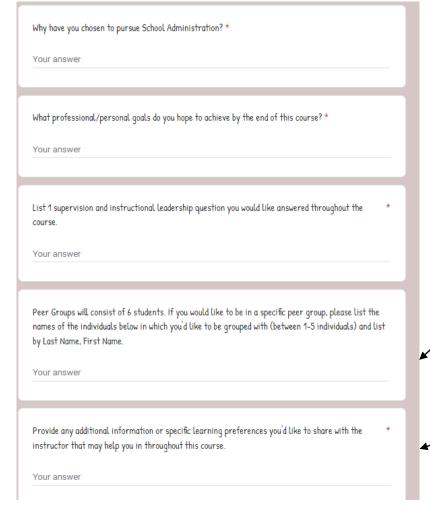
 Assist students in becoming responsible by creating an online environment that demonstrates cultural caring and cross-cultural communication skills within classroom instruction that supports student learning.

• Provide accommodations that do not give one student group an advantage over another but considers culture as a governing principle of how individuals learn new information (Hammond, 2015).



Incorporate Beginning of the Course Surveys to Learn More About Students





Allow students to select Peer Groups

Student
Learning
Preferences



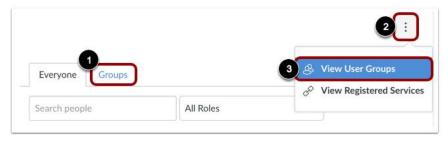
Creating Peer Groups in Canvas

Open People



In Course Navigation, click the People link.

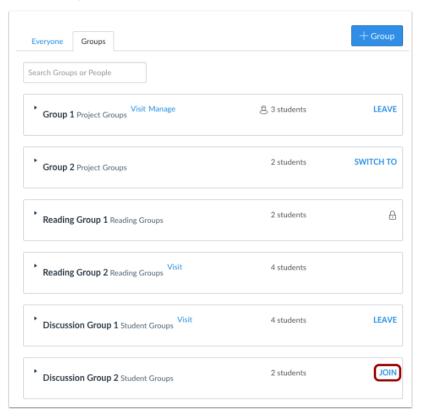
View Groups



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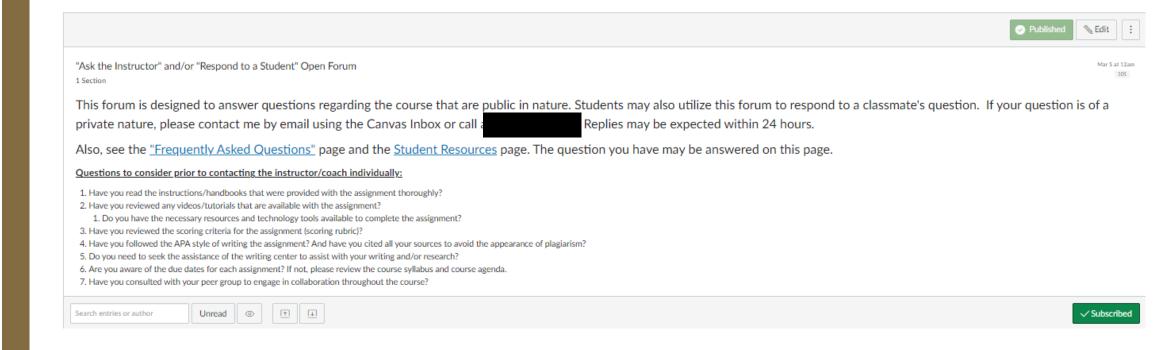
You can also access your User Groups through the Options menu. Click the **Options** icon [2] and click the **View User Groups** link [3].

Join Group



Next to the name of an available group, click the Join link.

Open Discussion Forums





Creating Clear Course Goals and Objectives

Some Course
Objectives
should reflect
these Competencies
for Culturally
Responsive Teaching

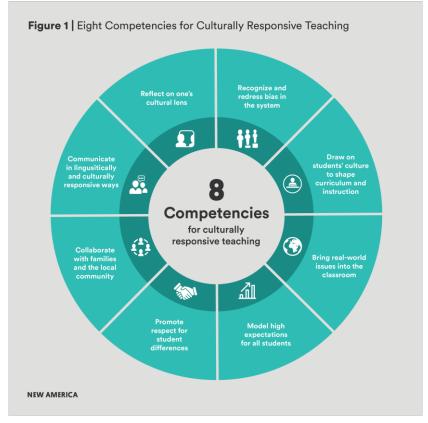


Figure 6. New America (2020)



Writing an Actionable Course Objective

Step 1: Determine when the objective will be measured:

"By the end of this Course...

Step 2: Consider the verb that best demonstrates performance expectation:

"...the student will analyze..."

Step 3: Detail what will be learned. This is where you add culturally-responsive development:

"...the impact of Hurricane Florence on Robeson County families."

So, your Culturally-Responsive Course Objective:

"By the end of this Course, the student will analyze the impact of Hurricane Florence on Robeson County families."





Course Objective Checklist

(from the 8 Competencies for Culturally Responsive Teaching)

"By the end of this Course, the student will analyze the impact of Hurricane Florence on Robeson County families."

Does	the	Course	ob	ective:
				,

- ☐ Reflect on one's cultural lens?
- ☐ Draw on students' culture (funds of knowledge) to shape curriculum and instruction.
- ☐ Bring real-world issues into the classroom.
- ☐ Model high expectations for all students.
- ☐ Promote respect for student differences.



Designing Assignments that are Culturally Responsive

Considerations when examining a course:

- What funds of knowledge do students bring to the class that might connect to this assignment?
- How does this assignment help to build community within the classroom?
- Does the assignment allow for application in the real-world and/or to address problems; allow for application and feedback?



Creating Modules in the Online Classroom



Course and Module Learning Objectives

At the end of this course students will be able to:

Course Learning Objectives

- 1. Summarize the evolution and current status of research on effective schools and research on supervision and instructional leadership.
- Apply the research on adult learning, adult and teacher development to the role of supervision and instructional leadership.
- 3. Demonstrate effective use of interpersonal skills and supervisory skills to engage people in courageous conversations that explore issues and challenges bad behaviors/relationships that are hindering school performance.
- 4. Demonstrate the ability to perform data analysis and use analytical skills to make informed decisions to build teacher capacity and increase efficacy.
- Incorporate a strategic perspective in applying the levels of supervision and evaluation as indicated in the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation System.
- Outline a strategic approach to effective recruitment, hiring, and placement practices for establishing organizational and personal fit of school personnel with regards to the school culture and student needs.
- 7. Evaluate instruction and match/use the correct supervisory approach with a teacher and/or group for optimal results.
- 8. Assess matters of equity, diversity, and cultural responsiveness in all aspects of leadership and apply cultural competence in individual interactions, decision making, and practice.
- 9. Demonstrate the ability to effectively convey information and the results of the analysis through written and oral communication.
- 10. Create a one-page Infographic utilizing technology to display analytical results to share with stakeholders.
- 11. Design a New/Beginning Teacher Professional Development Support Program utilizing data, research, and technology to empower teachers and build teacher capacity.
- 12. Write and articulate his/her own educational platform (i.e., personal administrative philosophy as a school leader) and express a defensible supervisory platform.

Module 1 Learning Objectives

- 1. MO1: Summarize the characteristics of a dynamic school (CO1)
- MO2: Identify leadership styles that improve teacher retention and performance (CO1, CO2)

Module 2 Learning Objectives

- 1. MO1: Identify the levels of adult teacher development (CO1, CO2)
- 2. MO2: Analyze ways in which teacher's and leader's qualities, behaviors, cultural beliefs, and attitudes impact effective instruction (CO3)
- 3. MO3: Articulate the relationship among educational beliefs, teaching, and instructional leadership and supervision (CO12)
- MO4: Collect data from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey (CO4)
- MO5: Outline an educational platform (CO12)
- MO6: Collect Demographic Data (CO4, CO9)

Align Module Objectives with Course Objectives

Topic(s)	Module Objectives	Individual/Collaborative Activities	Discussions	Readings	Videos, Micro- Lectures, & Demonstrations
	MO1: Identify the levels of adult	Individual Assessment:	Nearpod Collaboration	<u>Text:</u> Glickman et al.	Review PowerPoint Lesson #3:
20-26, 2023	teacher development (CO1, CO2)	Educational Philosophy Q-Sort (MO3, MO4)	<u>Board:</u> Leadership Strategies to learn of other cultures	Chapters 4-6 (MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4)	"Adult and Teacher Development
Module 2:	MO2: Analyze ways in which		(MO2, MO3)	, ,	within the Context of the
Knowledge of	teacher's and leader's qualities,	Quiz: Module #2 Quiz (MO1,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Supplemental Text:	School" (MO1)
Supervision and	behaviors, cultural beliefs, and	MO2, MO3)	<u>Discussion Board:</u> Flipgrid	Hammond Text -	
Instructional	attitudes impact effective			Culturally Responsive	Interactive Nearpod Lesson
Leadership	instruction (CO3) MO3: Articulate the relationship among educational beliefs, teaching and instructional leadership and supervision (CO12) MO4 Collect data from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey (CO4) MO5: Outline an educational platform (CO12)	Individual Assignment: Collection of Demographic and School Data for Evidence #2 Project (MO5) Evidence #2 Checkpoint: Collect data for Evidence #2 Project (MO4, MO4)		Teaching and the Brain—Chapters 1-4 (MO3)	#4: Reflections on Educational Beliefs, Teaching, and Supervision (MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4) Review PowerPoint Lesson #5: "Supervisory Beliefs" (MO2, MO3) Video: Jahari Window (MO2, MO3) Video: Cognitive Dissonance (MO2, MO3)

Designing Online Modules



Module Outline in Canvas LMS



Below is an outline of the items for which you will be responsible throughout the module.



DUE: Early in the week

Read the following early in the week to help you respond to the discussion questions and to complete your assignment(s).

Required Textbook Readings

- 1. Text: Glickman et al. Chapters 4-6 (MO1, MO2, MO3, MO5)
- 2. Supplemental Text: Hammond Text Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain-Chapters 1-4 (MO3)

READ AND WATCH ONLINE

DUE: Early in the week

Online Lecture Material: Read and listen to the online lecture material located in Nearpod on the following topics.

- 1. Review Chapter 4 Corresponding PowerPoint (Lesson #3): Adult and Teacher Development within the Context of the School" (MO1)
- 2. Interactive Nearpod (Lesson #4): Reflections on Educational Beliefs, Teaching, and Supervision (MO1, MO2, MO3, MO5)
- 3. Review Chapter 6 Corresponding PowerPoint (Lesson #5): Supervisory Beliefs (MO2, MO3)

DISCUSS

Respond to the discussion prompts and questions by the due dates outlined in the assignment.

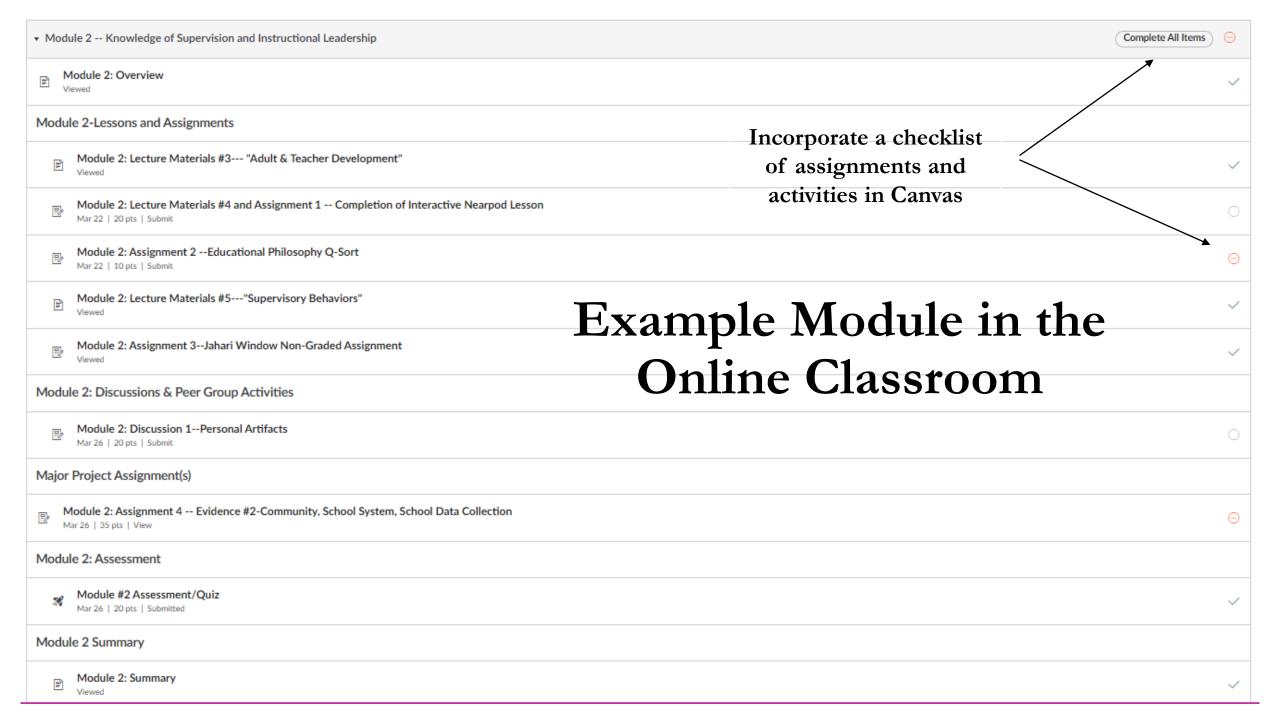
- 1. Nearpod Collaboration Board: Leadership Strategies to learn of other cultures (MO2, MO3)-Complete by the due date listed on the assignment page.
- 2. Discussion Board: Flipgrid Video on Personal Artifacts and its relationship to Cultural Leadership (MO3)

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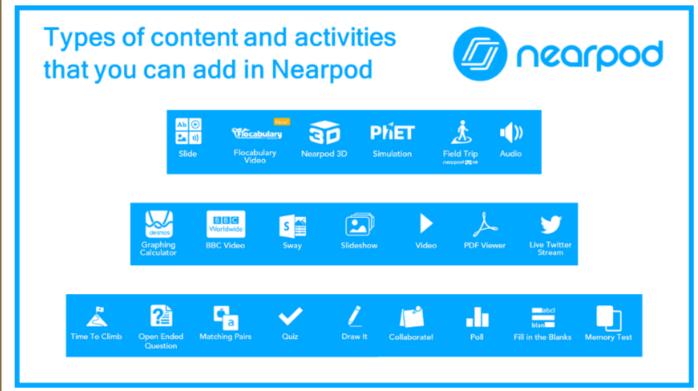
Submit your completed written assignment and activities as outlined on the assignment page following the assigned due date. For detailed instructions on completing this assignment, see the associated or

- 1. Individual Assessment: Educational Philosophy Q-Sort (MO3, MO5)
- 2. Quiz: Module #2 Quiz (MO1, MO2, MO3)
- 3. Individual Assignment: Collection of School and Demographic Data (MO4, MO6)
- 4. Evidence #2 Checkpoint: Collect data for the Evidence #2 Project-submit for instructor review/grading (MO4, MO6)





Interactive Lessons Using the Technology Tool Nearpod



Nearpod allows students to work at their own pace in the online learning environment, engage with other students, and receive immediate feedback during a lesson.

Figure 7: Nearpod (n.d.)



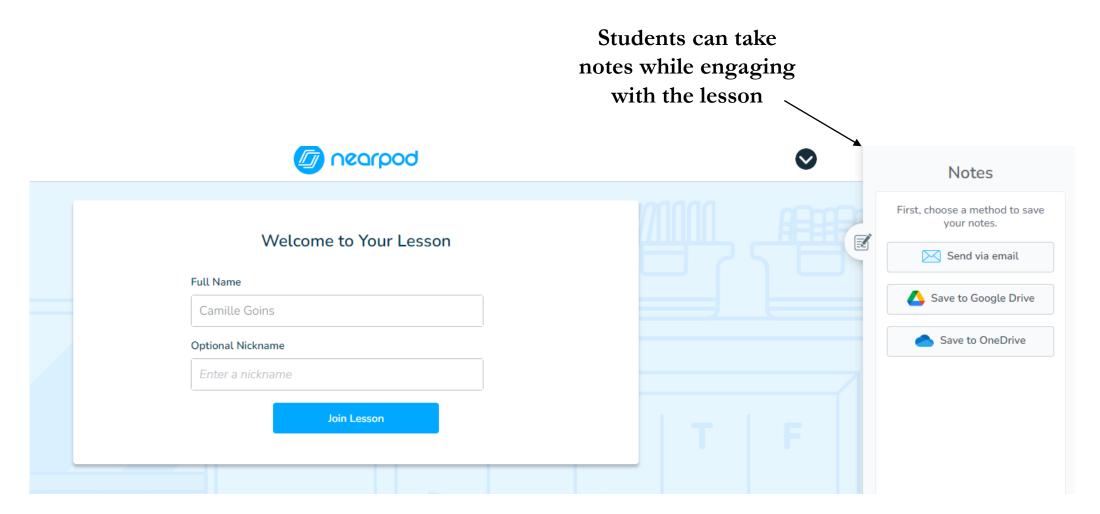
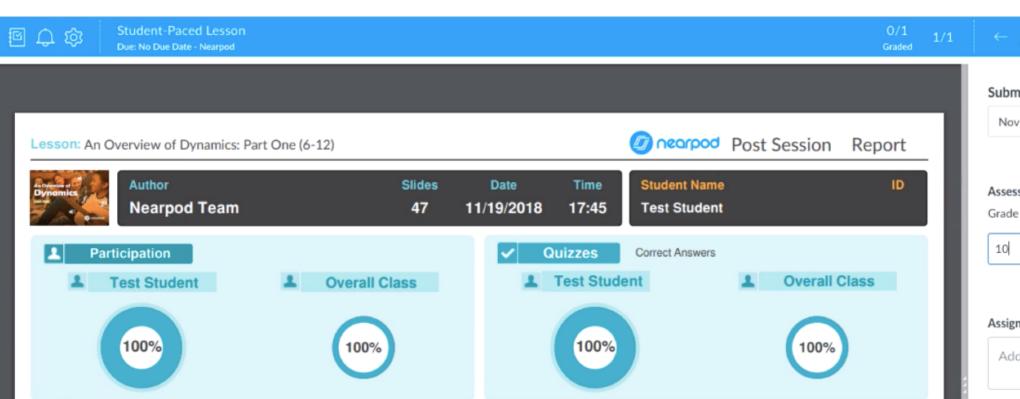


Figure 8: Nearpod (n.d.)





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gradually get louder

very loud

medium

Example of Nearpod student-paced lesson report in Canvas

Overall Class 100%

Performance

Quizzes

41

41

Test Student

[No optional instructions entered]

In music, the dynamics are the

What does this symbol mean?

Fortissimo means

What does "mezzo" mean?

Submission to view: Nov 19 at 1:06pm Assessment Grade out of 10 Assignment Comments Add a Comment @ D (1) Submit **Download Submission Comments** Nearpod Canvas LMS

Test Student

integration allows for speed grading

Score: 100%

Correct

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Collaboration Boards in Nearpod: Moving Beyond the Traditional <u>Discussion Board Posts</u>





Student Support



Policies (Tone)

c. Please do not be late with your assignments. Students who cannot submit assignments on time because of emergency, unexpected events, or extreme illness should contact the instructor BEFORE THE DUE DATE or as soon as circumstances allow and ask for consideration. Unless arrangements are made with the instructor, assignments WILL NOT be accepted. If a late assignment is accepted, up to a 10% per day grade deduction may be taken, depending on the circumstances. Please do not ask me to allow you to makeup an assignment. The answer will always be no. All assignments are due at 11:59pm on the due date Sunday midnights. At 11:59pm the assignment link will disappear. Do not e-mail assignments.

Please see Canvas for Specific Assignment Descriptions

Revised Late Policy

Aligned with Professional
Competencies

Original Late Policy

Late Assignment Policy

Time Management is one of the Educational Leadership Competencies and Professional Dispositions and requires educational leaders to effectively use available time to complete work tasks and activities that lead to the achievement of desired work or school results.

Since this course is designed as an online accelerated course model and requires that students interact with the material, the professor, and other students on a weekly basis as well as illustrate competency development and application of professional dispositions, it is difficult to achieve the fullest experience in this learning environment when assignments are late. While it is understood that adult learners have competing pulls on their time, an accelerated course requires students be able to complete assignments in a timely manner and take responsibility for the quality of their work and their performance in the course. Therefore, the following late assignment penalties will be applied.

- f. Assignments submitted after the due date will receive a 10% deduction per day for up to 2 days.
- g. Assignments that have not been received after day 2 will receive a 0 grade.
- Module assessments/quizzes are not permitted after the due date.
- Please note the Evidence #2 Course Project is completed in parts each week and will require students to complete each part by the specified due date. Late and/or incomplete portions of the project could result in a failing grade for the course.

Note: See graduate course withdrawal process and/or the Incomplete policy if you are unable to complete assignments as assigned and have difficulty submitting assignments on time. (https://www.uncp.edu/academics/colleges-schools/graduate-school/forms-resources/graduate-school-course-withdrawal-form).



Flexible Due Dates







Student-Determined Deadlines

Class-Determined Deadlines

Connection to equity:

• Providing flexibility with deadlines is a way we can cultivate more equitable classrooms. Finding ways to provide flexibility benefits all students, but especially those who live more complicated lives.

Note: Students who work full time or part time, have children and families to take care of, and who have documented or undocumented disabilities; and first-generation students who don't necessarily know that asking for extensions is even an option, are disproportionately punished by inflexible deadlines.





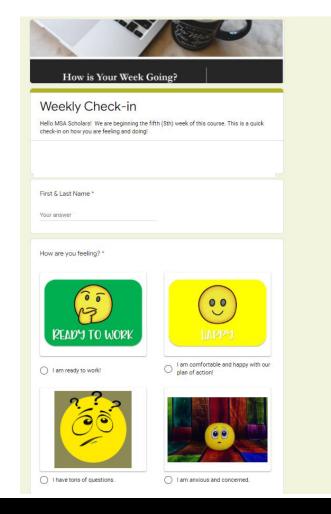
Offer video Tutorials in Syllabus and Course Welcome page/Video







Student Forms: Weekly/Mid-mester Check-Ins



Wriat Would	you like the instructor to "keep" doing? *
Long answer t	ext
What would	you like the instructor to "quit" doing? *
Long answer t	lext
What would	you like the instructor to "start" doing? *
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Long answer (
What actions for this cour	s are you taking and/or plan to take to help you achieve your professional goals set * se?
Short answer	text
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Additional co	omments or questions you have that were not asked.
Long answer t	ext

(Hanstedt, P., 2018)



Include a
Contemplative
Practices Page
in Canvas

As aspiring leaders, it is important that we find time to relax and bring awareness to emotions when we are feeling overwhelmed or stressed. This page can be used to practice contemplative practices to engage in relaxation techniques, deep thought, and set an intention for your day. Also, utilize the resources to help support the students, teachers, and staff.

Note: A Daily Calm | 10 Minute Mindfulness Meditation is playing on this page---(select the candle to access the video). A Morning Yoga routine is available by selecting the video on the television screen or see at the bottom of the screen.

- 50 Resources to Support the Mental Health of Teachers and School Staff e
- 21 Quick Questions to Check-in on Your Students' Well-Being in 2021 ₽
- How to be more productive in 2021 ↓
- Mindfulness Developing Agency in Urgent Times ↓
- Keeping your sanity: 6 Strategies to Promote Well-Being ≥
- SEL for Adults ≥



Motivate students
with "Words of
Affirmation" and
Weekly
Announcements



Create a Writing Support Canvas Page

Writing Mechanics & APA Formatting Examples

UNCP Writing Center

• The UNCP Writing Center will be available throughout the summer. Students can schedule an appointment with a trained writing consultant via the Writing Center website at https://www.uncp.edu/departments/university-writing-cent assistance feature. Students can use the email: dropoff@uncp.edu to use this service.



**Provide Templates, Exemplars, and Writing Resources

Writing Mechanics and Formatting:

All written assignments must be word-processed on a computer and error-free. The American Psychological Association (APA) <u>Publication Manual</u> (latest edition) should be used as a general guide. For the references using APA citation visit https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/17/@).

Writing Support and Guides ₽

Sample APA Paper & Writing Literature Reviews &	• 7th Edition APA ∉	• Tables and Figures &	Paragraphing e	
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Transitional Phrases in APA/Academic Writing

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Academic Honor Code (Advantages of Turnitin Tool)

This assignment does not count toward the final grade.

Demographic Profile Report (Submit to Turnitin for Review)

Start Assignment

Due Saturday by 11:59pm

Points 10

Submitting a text entry box or a file upload

Available Jan 10 at 12am - Mar 27 at 11:59pm 3 months

Students will submit to this assignment page (Turnitin Plagiarism Tool) prior to the final submission to review for APA accuracy and to ensure that all works have been cited in-text. This assignment will be included in the student's overall final grade.

Please view the video below for submitting to Turnitin and review the report. After reviewing the report, students should make the necessary revisions and submit to the final assignment link.

Note: Allow students to utilize Turnitin to support with writing and citing sources.



Ensuring Accessibility

Include a Syllabus Key

• Example: Syllabus Key: Online Modules/Meetings, Face-to-Face/In-Class Meetings, Projects, Assignments, Readings/Online Lessons

Include Accessible Links within the syllabus

- Example: <u>UNCP ARC (https://www.uncp.edu/departments/accessibility-resource-center/arc-contact-us).</u>
- Provide Transcripts of Lessons and Closed Captioning on Videos



"Table Talk" In what ways are you being "Responsive"?

"A person's cultural background is an important aspect of what he or she believes about education." (*Glickman, Gordon, & Ross-Gordon*, 2018, p. 107)



Figure 10: UNCP (2017)



Next Steps...

- Classroom Instruction
 - Commit to completing one Culturally Responsive Activity (from the resources provided) with your classes next semester
- Reflection and Journaling
 - Record how students respond differently to the responsive activities in online learning environments.
 - Record any differences in student behaviors, academic performance, student engagement, sense of belonging, etc.
 - Reflect on interactions and behaviors that take place in the classroom seek to understand the motivation behind those behaviors and plan for effective change.
 - Record your own reflections of this process.





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