Teaching and Learning Online Foundational Badge Artifact

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Artifact or Course Description

Teaching with Technology

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Artifact Reflection

Reflective Essay:

1. Consider your own philosophy as a teacher. In what ways did this artifact challenge your positionality, expand your thinking, or offer new ways to approach teaching and learning online?

My philosophy as a teacher is to help facilitate a student’s learning. I cannot guarantee anyone will learn the material, but I work to create an environment that enables everyone to learn the material. I choose the materials, assignments, and facilitate our time together to achieve the identified learning outcomes. This class reinforced this philosophy and introduced me to a wider range of ed tech tools. I now feel more confident in using these tools, and with practice, will be able to do so in a way that helps students.

I need to be careful that I am not using some of these as “gimmicks” or “distractions.” I know that I am fascinated by the new bright and shiny things, and that sometimes I try to put everything into one class! This is not appropriate, or helpful, and can be frustrating to students. Others in this course have reinforces the importance of “intentionality.” I need to be intentional learning pose of each tool and how that tool helps me facilitate the learning to satisfy the learning outcomes.

2. What were/are your teaching goals? How does this artifact align with your teaching goals?
One of my teaching goals is “connection before content.” This particular artifact aligns with this goal in that it is an online collaboration tool. It encourages students to first think independently, then it encourages collaboration in a structured way. It helps them complete an assignment in a way that is beyond the typical written assignment. It encourages real conversation, and not simply typing into a Google doc to complete the assignment. These conversations help them make the connections necessary to work together to complete the larger team project.

In the business school, I think we should be modeling the tools and expectations that these students will find when they enter the business world (another one of my teaching goals). The business world does not only demand written work. This artifact is an example of something that many organizations use in their collaborative work.

3. What did you learn from this experience? How are you planning to apply what you have learned to your teaching practice? What is next for you?

I learned about many tools, and had the opportunity to work with Lexi and learn more about H5P that I will be using in designing a new short online course! I appreciate the exposure to all of these tools and hearing from the others in this course on how they use them.