

Reflective Learning (Contribution to my Learning)

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Score: 90

Fall I session in the ADL program was a bit of a challenge for me, yet interesting.

As I gathered what I have learned over the past weeks, I am reminded of Sinek (2013) Ted Talk speech to start with why. I believe the greatest impact happens young. The former generations are the leaders of the latter generations, and we have a responsibility to equip them with moral examples that reflect love in how they live, lead, and learn.

I'm learning more and more that professional development and growth is a never-ending lifelong process which educators and others are constantly improving through a constructivist perspective that involves application and reflection.

Assessing Effective Professional Learning

I've enjoyed the best parts of online learning through these courses. I get to learn at my own pace and in the comfort of my own environment. I still feel very included and collaborative with the people in my class. I feel like I'm not missing anything from being in a virtual classroom. Interestingly, I feel like I'm being more challenged and engaged in my learning.

I have learned about how to really make crucial change in my organization. As I reflected on Simon Sinek's "What, How, & Why?" I defined results and vital behaviors to achieve blended learning. I used sources of influence and disciplines of execution to get real change. Finally, I got into crucial conversations and self-directed leadership. I have been using what I know about key actions to make real change in discussions with leadership. I will continue to use my research and studies on organizational change to really engage people with their hearts first, then their minds.

One of my favorite things I learned in this course the five key principles of professional learning, which was time, support, engagement, the model, and the target. After I produced the media product with my write-up, I was able to focus on the how. "The How" allowed me to create a write up of how it all came together and its process. In that section, I was able to talk about my progress of producing my media presentation for

alternative model of professional learning. This part of the assignment allowed me to use Canva as my graphic design platform.

Personal Learning Networks

I have loved networking with other educators to get more involved with this whole process. I have connected with classmates in a Facebook group chat as well as a GroupMe chat where we have been communicating from the very beginning. A few of our group members include ***Claudia Rios, Sabine Mixon, and Nadin Noman***. We always help each other and share our ideas. It's been the best way to feel more comfortable in this new adventure of M.Ed. In these communities, I took leadership by answering questions and provided peer feedback.

I found the collaborative discussions beneficial to the assignments given in this course. While working through this course, the collaborative discussions prepared me for assignments. My **Call-to-Action** was the first assignment in the course. It allowed me to reflect and think about my backstory to my innovation idea and the motivation behind it for my why. From the assigned readings, discussions, and supported research, I had to create a presentation that would explain the alternative model of professional learning within my organization at my school campus. While in the development stage of my presentation, I was able to identify and incorporate the five key principles of effective professional learning.

As it relates to PL, my team and I quickly realized the lack of support that we, personally, were not receiving along with so many other educators across the country.

No matter how difficult, frustrating, or unaccomplished it may seem, keep moving and finish the course. Improvements will always follow next because there will never be a perfect result. Practice is what makes perfect improvements. Not every course is for everybody, but every course will help somebody.

In conclusion, this course was an amazing experience. I enjoyed our class sessions as a class, which were informative and engaging. This semester I was able to develop my professional learning strategy plan for my organization. Throughout this session, I was able to attend zoom conferences and those that I did not make, I viewed them when posted. I also contributed to and provided feedback on classroom discussions. Course readings and videos were all viewed, and learning did occur. All assignments were completed and submitted as directed. I would evaluate myself and give a score of 90.

My works for this course can be viewed on the following link: [Professional Learning / Projects/Leading & Learning | MStroutDDLJourney \(msstrout00.com\)](https://msstrout00.com/Professional-Learning-Projects/Leading-&Learning-MStroutDDLJourney)