

EDD 8123 – Advanced Applications in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

EDD 8123 Course Reflection

The EDD 8123 course was a course that started off with a lot of specific information about initiatives and statewide projects that involved distance education. It was interesting to watch videos on how different states and schools have implemented technology and distance education into their curriculum and initiatives. This course made me think about how much both distance education and technology has evolved and changed in the past 20 years for me as a learner. I think it is great how virtual schools have grown and continue to grow as demands and need increases.

I was able to identify with several of the topics and videos in this course because of the setting and the current initiatives happening at my workplace. I am now able to see that we use a lot of the effective web-based technologies that I have learned about in this course. I found the videos on telemedicine alluring in the possibilities of work opportunities for me since I work with the medical field. I am hopeful that with my masters in ITDE I am going to have several opportunities to be a part of some similar initiatives that we learned about in this course.

Overall my one of my biggest takeaways in this course was learning how to create a promotional video that demonstrated the importance and value of distance education worldwide. The lesson from that assignment is something that I can implement in my current position and impress my employers with something different and effective for the department. The other takeaway was being able to write a journal article that would be published in an educational journal. These two assignment are essential for this course because they provide me with content to put into my professional portfolio to demonstrate and showcase my work, competence, and skills.

Assignment 1: Shuffling Chef

The Shuffling Chef video editing assignment was an exercise that allowed me to apply what was reviewed in Module four and practice basic video editing prior to creating the final video that explains the following assignment on a distance education subject. I am pretty efficient in photography and video editing so this assignment was not very challenging for me, but rather a quick exercise to ensure my software and editing skills were quick, precise and efficient. Part of what I do in the workplace includes some photography and video editing and I always enjoy producing quality videos that are packaged professionally.

Assignment 2: Video of a distance education application

The video of a distance education was a more complex assignment that required thought and preparation. This assignment was more than just editing a video, but rather an assignment that required me to storyboard, script, narrate and shoot video specifically for this assignment that I later combined and edited to produce a professional video presentation. Time management was very important in that the subject of our video was a department in a local university, where I needed to go and take pictures and shoot video prior to putting the final video together. I enjoyed this assignment because allowed me to not only use video skills, but stretched me to incorporate scripting and content when producing a video.

Assignment 3: 3000 word paper

The 3000 word paper had to be the same topic as assignment two and needed to support and complement the video. I liked that this paper had to be submitted as if it were going to be published in the Distance Learning journal because it gave me more incentive to write something that would be beneficial and insightful to those who read it. I enjoyed researching and learning about a program that incorporated distance learning and writing about it so others can become

aware about it. My paper on Global Collaboration to Ensure Patient Safety talked about different ways educational technology has addressed both opportunities and challenges facing the nursing profession worldwide.