

Describe Artifact

Speech 1010 improved my communication skills, organization skills, and helped develop my use of nonverbal communication while speaking. I was able to communicate my message effectively through power point and by using verbal and nonverbal communication.

Alignment Reflection

Wisconsin Teacher Standard Alignment

This artifact best aligns with standard six. In speaking on this topic I was able to use effective verbal and nonverbal communication and I was able to educate through the use of technology. As a teacher it is extremely important to be able to communicate well with your students. Having good verbal communication was important because I wanted my peers to understand the importance of what I was teaching them. Nonverbal communication was also important because when I look enthused about a topic then it will get others enthused about that topic as well. Another aspect of communication is being able to use media and technology. The various ways I used technology helped my audience interact with my speech, think, and become passionate towards the topic.

UW-Platteville School of Education Knowledge, Skill, Disposition Statement Alignment

This artifact best addresses KS3.a which states that the individual can communicate clearly and accurately. This KSD aligns best with my standard because in my speech class, and more specifically on the informative speech, I was able to turn in final drafts with few errors and present my topic in a professional manner. When presenting my speech I was also clear on what

I wanted my audience to know. For instance, in the informative speech, I wanted to ensure that my audience understood more about the hardships the Hmong endured. I have also learned how to be effective at communication through the tone in my voice. Since this was a speech on something that was sad, I spoke with a softer tone instead of sounding cheerful. Finally, this KSD aligns with my artifact for the reason that it demonstrates how I can speak to adults using appropriate language.

Personal Reflection

Explain what you learned about teaching/learning from this experience.

From this course I learned many different communication techniques. Even though this course was only half a semester, what I learned from it will be useful for the rest of my life and will help me improve as a teacher. I not only learned how to write speeches effectively but also how to communicate to my intended audience with the use of various communication techniques.

Explain what you learned about yourself as a prospective educator as result of this experience/artifact:

Speech 1010 and my informative speech have taught me a lot about myself. I have learned that when I am a teacher if I know how to communicate with my students, then I will be able to teach the students in a way that they are able to learn and grasp the material. Communicating effectively as a teacher is also important because I will strive to ensure that the students understand what I am teaching them. Once they understand, then they can apply that

knowledge to future opportunities when learning. If I am not able to communicate correctly, then my students will never understand what I am teaching them.

Through this class, I developed more self confidence. At the beginning of the class, I relied heavily on note cards because I thought I needed them. By the end of the semester I had developed enough confidence to trust myself and the work I put in, and use the note cards only as support. My confidence also improved because I was able to present with passion and show enthusiasm while getting my point across. Being confident when speaking has also helped me with speech clarity, helping me to communicate in a more professional way. Being confident and being able to speak more professionally will help me when I become a teacher. A teacher needs to communicate to their students with confidence. When the teacher shows confidence, they get the student excited about learning. If that teacher isn't confident they will not be successful. It is important when communicating that I am confident so that my students respect me as teacher, listen to me, and follow my instruction, in order to learn. I am also glad to be more at ease while speaking to my peers, because as a teacher I will be working with many other teachers to improve curriculum and develop my teaching style.