

**Project 3:** Reflection on the Applied Learning Experience (individual)

**Possible points (maximum):** 20 points

**Due:** April 30 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time

**Project Description:**

Reflection is an important component of online learning, especially when you are an online learner engaged in applied team projects in instructional design. Additionally, an objective review of your own performance and that of your peers is a critical skill in team-based professional work. In this project, you are expected to reflect upon what you have learned in this course, especially on your experience as an active contributor to an online team project in solving an instructional problem.

Synthesize and write up what you have learned with these experiences as an essay. Please note, a synthesis is an amalgam or fusing of the different ideas and themes that emerged from the different course activities and your engagement in the projects with your respective clients. The reflective paper should be analytical and critical in approach. Please include the following in your reflection:

- Ways in which each of the projects deepened your understanding of the course content, broadened your understanding of the field, and enhanced your practice as an instructional designer and educator.
- Challenges you encountered and ways in which you addressed them) and opportunities you explored during the team Instructional Design Project (Project 2).
- Evaluation of your preparation to conduct professional instructional design work after completing this course.
- Any other insights about the overall course experience you would like to add. Examples are insights about the online discussions/activities and the use of multimedia (text, video, audio, still image) to support online interactions.
- Ways this applied online course and the hands-on learning activities contributed (or not) to your professional development

You are encouraged to use examples to support your statements, for example, stories about your experiences with project 2 and/or your current professional practice. It is wise to relate relevant readings and/or class discussions with your experiences and reflections.

**Deliverable:**

- Name and date your essay.
- Your essay should be approximately 1,500 to 2,000 words in length (references and appendices do not count towards the word count).
- Use appropriate headings to facilitate readability.
- Post essay (Word Doc preferred) on Carmen.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Your reflective paper will be graded for clarity, depth of insight and logical relationship of the insight to your professional and/or personal contexts.