Curriculum and Instruction

Blog or Wiki Instructions

The intent of this project is to showcase the knowledge, skills and dispositions you have gained throughout the Masters of Education: Curriculum and Instruction program in a format that you can share with others.

Your blog or wiki should be developed around the INTASC Teaching Standards in which you provide your audience with current information, resources and advice on best practice in the field of Curriculum and Instruction, through which you demonstrate your own professional growth and development. Through your layout, postings, questions and or responses to questions, you should address a minimum of 6 of the 10 INTSAC Standards.

What are blogs and wikis?

Blogs are online journals that can be used in a variety of different ways. Blogs are frequently updated and intended for general public consumption.

Blogs are defined by their format: a series of entries posted to a single page in reverse-chronological order. Blogs generally represent the personality of the author and reflect the central theme chosen to focus on.

The biggest challenge is to get your target audience to read your blog. That's why you need a "blog with a purpose." You need a reason for your audience to visit your blog on a regular basis. What would make your blog special to your audience? Why would they want to bookmark your blog? Why would they want to link to it and tell others?

Is the purpose of your blog easy to define? What are you aiming towards accomplishing with it? How are you testing whether or not you're reaching your desired effect? These are all things you should consider before setting up your blog.

Or, you could also set up a wiki. A wiki is a space on the Web where you can share work and ideas, pictures and links, videos and media — and anything else you can think of, and you give permission to others to add/revise pertinent resources, information and data on your wiki.

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What Are the Expectations for this Project?

Your blog or wiki should include the following elements by the time you are finished:

1. An introduction of yourself and your credentials

2. A statement of the purpose of the blog or wiki

3. An RSS feed link which you can share with your classmates and others to follow (with instructions)

4. Links to professional education periodicals and journals, or book recommendations

5. A section on assessment

6. A section on differentiated instruction

7. A section on technology

8. A section on leadership

9. A section on professional development opportunities (can be specific to NE - or regional and/or US wide)

Since this course is spread out over three months, I will be looking for a minimum of 2-3 entries per month, with the final project (which should continue to be a work in progress) due by August 18. I do hope you will find this project enjoyable and something you can continue adding to in the future.