Feedback: E-portfolio Unit 6 – Research Methods and Professional Practice –

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Hi Michael,

Hope you are well.

As requested by you, I have looked at your e-portfolio up to unit 6, as follows:

E-portfolio feedback up to Unit 6:

In line with module/tutor requirements I have given you formative feedback regarding:

Units 1-3 CLQ 1 [formative]

And

Unit 4: Literature Review Outline [formative]

Looking at the e-portfolio as a whole up to unit 6, I can feedback the following:

The home page for your e-portfolio is well structured and it is clear where to access what from the structure and headers of your content. Your current and previous modules are clearly set out regarding the headers of the modules and so your content is easily accessible from that perspective.

The visual aesthetic of the e-portfolio is also visually accessible with background colour and font colour well contrasted. Navigation of module access is also easily identifiable from that perspective.

In the RMPP module itself, the learning outcomes are noted, as are the sub-headers for each section.

Accessing your current sub-headers within the RMPP module to date I can identify the following:

<u>Artefacts:</u>
<u>Reflective Activity: Ethics in computing:</u> *Please note, set your spell check to English default to stop Americanisms such as 'behavior' entering text in your introductory context prior to actually clicking into the link.
The artefact that you have submitted here is clearly written, has the appropriate citation and required list of references. You also have a focused and concise academic tone regarding your written style.

<u>CLQ1:</u> You have added the required Artefacts from the CLQ 1 collaborative formative and these are accessible from the perspective of the sub-header links that you have added in the e-portfolio currently.
I have already given you feedback on these artefacts.

*Please note: you then have two e-portfolio sub-headers listed and you have mis-spelt research. Please amend your spelling of the word to 'Research'.

E-portfolio activity: Literature Review and Research Proposal outlines: You have added the required Artefacts and these are accessible from the perspective of the sub-header links that you have added in the e-portfolio currently.
I have already given you feedback on the Literature Review as this formative deadline has passed.

For the Research Proposal summative and the Literature Review summative, please pay particular attention to the below:

Data collection: As per the required exercise around data collection, you reflect on the use of surveys and it is acceptable for your Capstone project to collect primary data using surveys, [new survey data from people for example]. Remember for your RMPP module here, **you will only be using existing Literature which is secondary data collection** and it is important to keep that focus on secondary research only, as we will not be entering into ethic clearance for primary research in this project. Your Literature review summative/Research Proposal summative submission, will then only be using secondary data/research gathered from existing literature and so literature that already exists, [this is also stated on the student online hub, for further details in the RMPP module].

E-portfolio activity: Research Proposal review:
Again here you have discussed surveys, and so you could gather research from a secondary research perspective regarding surveys, but you cannot initiate primary research, and so gathering 'new knowledge' from participants as this only happens in your final Capstone/dissertation project and so bear this in mind as you develop research in this RMPP module. I also discuss this point repeatedly regarding secondary research in my live seminars. For any formative/summative you undertake, add citation and a list of references as particularly in this module everything has an academic tone and is based in research.

As already discussed please also check your spelling of research in every instance.

Literature Review Outline:
Noted you have added your written formative document and this is appropriate as this is a required artefact. Again the Literature Review document formative deadline has passed and I gave formative feedback for the Literature review, and so you already have this tutor feedback.

Reflective activity: Inappropriate use of surveys:
Appropriately written formative with regular citation occurring through most of the content, [you can cite in the summary paragraph also]. A list of references is in evidence. You could break your paragraphs down a little more, and whilst its fine to add lists in a formative activity, please do not list content when it comes to completing written summative content. Write in full paragraphs and sentences for summative. The formative reflects the requirements for this unit.

Wiki Activity Questionnaires:

Again think about the structure of everything you write and ensure that you break paragraphs down, don't write in one complete block. Paragraphs should be broken down equally throughout your academic writing. The content in your response reflects the requirement of the 'Wiki' activity.

Moving onto the Reflections section:

Reflections:

I have looked at units 1-6 as they are currently, and this is my 'overview' feedback:

- In all instances lists of references must be in alphabetical order
- Currently, the reflections do expand upon what you have learnt to date, however there are similar citations used and in some instances very narrow citations used in your content. As this is a research module I would dig deeper on additional citation that could be applied to underpin where you are stating facts/making factual reflection regarding what you have learnt/specifics that you are discussing.
- Again, you need to break your content down more and apply paragraphs, don't have large blocked pieces of writing. You need to construct your content in evenly weighted paragraphs.
- Your written tone is appropriate in your content

Meeting Notes and Preparations:

Noted this is up to seminar 3 currently.

I have looked at seminar notes up to seminar 3 as they are currently, and this is my 'overview' feedback:

*These   are personal notes that keep in set with the seminars currently and reflect the core discussions to date, regarding seminars 1-3

- Again the particular note that I want to make here is that secondary research can only can occur in this RMPP module, [from existing literature]. Noted that you have made the point in your personal notes in this section, that primary research, [from people] occurs in the Capstone project.

Feedback:

Noted you have added tutor feedback for CLQ 1 and the Literature Review formative and this is appropriate, for this section.

Professional Skills Matrix and Action Plan:

Noted at this point, this is a sub-header with no content and has been added in preparation for when you get to this point in the module.

General notes: I have now reviewed all your content in a formative manner up to unit 6 as requested. I have now looked at all of the content once, and given appropriate formative feedback to enable you to further develop this content for summative if you choose to, before you upload the e-portfolio in unit 12 at that required point of

submission and deadline. I cannot look at the e-portfolio again up to this point now until summative.

Regarding any summative submissions for future, I can only look at summative when it is uploaded for the summative deadline. I can review any parts of formative feedback for e-portfolio from unit 7 onwards, but can only look at the e-portfolio as a whole after any 'allowed/required' formative feedback when the e-portfolio is submitted for the final summative deadline.

- **Please note:** Whilst I have picked up on some typos/spelling errors though this process it is the students responsibility to thoroughly proof-read their content before final upload and the burden of proof-reading sits with the student and not the tutor. I have read and fed back on what has been applied up to unit 6 at this stage, but it is up to the student in question to check and ensure that all required content up to unit 6 has been covered and added and so please check through all units to date and ensure that you are satisfied that content now and in future units is represented as required by the e-portfolio by the time you get to unit 12 summative submission,

With best wishes,

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