**EDUCATN 600: Essential Skills in Teaching and Learning (I)**

**Post-Workshop Reflection**

Please complete these questions within a week of attending the workshop (sooner is better!). Keep in mind that these reflections will assist you in writing your End of Course Reflective Analysis, so the more detail you provide, the more useful you may find them as you complete the final assignment. In total, your reflection should be approximately 350-500 words. Each reflection will be read by the course instructor and then passed on to the workshop facilitator.

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**Workshop Title:** Active Learning Strategies

**Please describe one thing you learned in this workshop and explain how it changed your understanding of the subject.**

As part of researching active learning strategies I learned about the Socratic Questioning strategy. Although I was already aware of what a Socratic Dialogue was I now know the specifics of how to apply the corresponding active learning strategy.

**Explain how you might apply what you learned to your current or future teaching using a specific example. What impact do you think this will have on student learning?**

In previous years of my teaching I have employed a style of lecture I learned from a influential teacher I had called discussion sessions. These sessions would involve me giving a brief overview of a concept and posing a question to the class about the concept. Rather than leap from one question to another completely disjointed question, I would focus my questions on leading into a more complex understanding of the underlying concepts. I would also have more of a dialogue that would focus on: getting students to clarify their thinking, challenging students assumptions, and exploring implications and consequences. The emphasis would be on encouraging students critical thinking rather than getting the correct answer to the question, so questions would be formulated to achieve this goal and not have a simple correct or incorrect answer. I believe this will more effectively engage students and therefore improve their learning.

**Do you have any suggestions about how the workshop might be improved? If you were to run the workshop, what might you do differently?**

You could start the workshop with the activity, and interleave the lesson with completing the activity. If I ran this workshop, I would focus the questions in the activity to address content being taught in the first half of the workshop.

**What questions do you still have about the subject? What would you like to know more about?**

I would still like to learn more individual active learning strategies. I only really deep-dived into the one I selected, and there were many more to learn about.

**Are there any other thoughts you would like to share about your experience in this workshop?**

This workshop was very informative, my thanks to the creators.