**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.

**Your Name:** Curtis D'Alves

**Workshop Title:** Facilitating Online Discussion

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

I learned different methods for developing online discussion sessions such as Starter-Wrapper and Save the Last Word for Me, as well as strategies for improving online discussions. Although I've learned about different qualifications for what constitutes a "good" discussion questions before, I've never employed a specific strategy for developing them before.

**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 the future, I'll consider using certain strategies for developing discussion strategies. In particular the Starter-Wrapper strategy strikes me as a useful strategy for engaging students. There are three variations, the first (Starter-Wrapper Conventional) would be the most straight forward to implement and probably be the most often used, were the student reads ahead and starts discussion, other participate, and the wrapper (which would usually be me) summarizes what was discussed. The second version (Starter-wrapper with Roles) would probably be less often employed but could be very useful for certain situations, particularly in situations were discussing a paradigm that is hotly debatable and could make for interesting discussion. The final version (International Starter-Wrapper) is probably not very useful for my field and would not often be used.

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

There were a lot of links to different strategies coming from different sources, it would have been nice to gather all these strategies into one document that summarizes and compares them then references these links.

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

I would like to know why the rules for online discussion etiquette are suggested and if there's any evidence enforcing them actually improves the learning experience

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

Thank you to the instructors/creators of the workshop. Great job!