

In general, how do you feel the class went?

Overall, the class was a success. I began a brand new topic that the students have been anxious to learn. Students were engaged throughout the lesson, and participated in class discussions around the topics being covered.

What do you believe worked well for you in class today?

I tend to dislike presenting PowerPoint presentations to the students. I always feel like I'm boring them with slide, after slide of information. I normally prefer to have the students get their hands dirty writing code with me as I explain topics. This lesson consisted of a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation at the beginning. After watching the video of the presentation, I noticed that the PowerPoint presentation was not actually that boring! I went at a good pace, and many students stopped and asked questions that generated some discussion.

What are the Learner Instructors Strengths? Was there something you improved on or any personal goals you met?

I believe I do a good job at grabbing my students attention at the beginning of class, before I begin the lesson for the day. Sometimes I'll start a brief discussion about what is going on the students' lives, other times I'll sing, or even dance. I find that this draws everyone's attention to the front of the room and creates a relaxed and positive atmosphere to begin our learning for the day.

Was there something that did not work well, something you would like to do differently?

I honestly cannot think of anything for this particular class. I watched the video, and I think I would teach this topic the same way the next time I teach the course.

What are your suggestions or strategies for improvement?

Nothing specific to this class, but generally speaking, I have to try harder to not assume everyone knows something. Some students in the class have much more knowledge than others on certain topics. I need to do better at "teaching to the middle".

Were there any discrepancies between your self-assessment and that of the students?
Why do you think that is?

Yes, the students assessment was much better than my self-assessment. I will blame that on the OCD.
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What are your professional and effective communication skills? Please describe.

One thing I noticed while watching that video is that I speak clearly. I am loud enough and speak at a good speed. I try my best to come up with the words and examples that the students can best understand by. I stop and check if there are any questions regularly. I show respect for my students, and based on the evaluations I received, they also show respect for me. I'm also friendly and empathetic and I believe that creates a positive atmosphere in my classroom.

What communication and instructional skills would you like to improve upon? What strategies will help you to reach your goal?

I would like to improve my confidence. I can fix this by being better prepared. I am never completely satisfied with the material I develop, and spend hours revising it. The time it is taking me to make those

revisions is probably not worth the trouble. Time would be better spent being more prepared with what I originally developed.