REFLECTION ONE

Submit this assignment as a Microsoft Word file on WesternOnline. This assignment is due on or before Sunday, January 23 at 11:55 p.m.

EIS 303 Reflection One – My pedagogy

You have taken the time to complete a graphic organizer designed to help you define and clarify your pedagogy, or practice of teaching. Use this organizer as a prewriting activity to create a reflection paper. Begin your paper by actively engaging a reflection of your successful educational experiences. Then move into questions of the pedagogy that you are developing. Be sure to actively analyze throughout this reflection, rather than simply recording observations. In addition, make connections to larger educational issues of student learning and achievement. Your paper should be organized around the following questions:

Think back on your own educational experiences. What were the most fulfilling experiences you had in a teacher’s classroom? Why do these experiences stand out in your mind? How do these experiences shape your own understanding of pedagogy?

What is your definition of pedagogy as it relates to you?

What does it mean to teach and teach effectively?

What will your classroom look like and feel like? Why?

○ How will you accomplish this?

○ Specifically, what steps will you take to create this kind of classroom?

What will be the results of creating this kind of classroom?

What will be the long term impact on students?

Why is it important to teach in the way that you have outlined?

What resources will you need, both material and non-material to accomplish your goals?

This paper must be 3-5 pages in length

EIS 304 Reflection One – My goals

With one block experience behind you and your second in front of you, we feel that it is important that you enter the second experience with a clearer sense of what you want to gain from this time spent in the classroom.

With this in mind, we would like you to think of five goals or outcomes that you would like to focus and work on during this teaching time period.

These goals might arise from incidents that came up in your first experience or they might be a skill or aspect of teaching that you feel you need to pay more attention to.

Discuss each goal and why you chose to place each on your list.
Comment upon why these five goals are of relevance to you and what suggestions you have decided upon as a practical way to make them a reality. Make a note of which of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards this goal reflects.

Finally, identify which goal is the most important one and explain why this is the case.

**Minimum of 3-5 pages in length**

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**REFLECTION TWO**

Submit this assignment as a Microsoft Word file on WesternOnline. This assignment is due on or before Sunday, April 10 at 11:55 p.m.

**EIS 303 Reflection Two – Looking Back, Looking Forward**

Look back over this experience – describe your highs and lows.
What was the most valuable aspect of this experience? Why was it valuable?
What strengths do you see in yourself that will make you a successful teacher? What limitations must you work around?
Find out how your mentor teacher goes about organizing and establishing their classroom management system at the start of the school year. What do you notice about the effectiveness of these strategies?
Discuss the effectiveness of your classroom management strategies and your plans for the management of your future classroom.
To what extent have you felt properly prepared for this block experience?
Review the pedagogy paper you wrote for reflection one. What elements of your pedagogy have changed? Why?
Assignment needs to be 3-5 pages in length.

**EIS 304 Reflection Two – How Did You Do?**

Look back at the five goals that you set yourself at the beginning of the semester.
Discuss each goal and assess yourself, how far did you manage to achieve the goals that you had identified as important for you. What made it easy or difficult to reach these targets?
How useful was it for you to have these goals to work towards?
Having looked back at the whole experience in this way, what will you require from yourself as you enter into student teaching?
Assignment needs to be 3-5 pages in length.