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Internship Reflection

My Kindergarten internship invited me to explore the competencies in the curriculum, the knowledge of the students of the ages, and the importance of routine for these students.

Throughout this internship, I was able to apply various professional competencies for teachers.

The two professional competencies targeted in the four lessons below are the third in the fourth. I developed skills in developing opportunities for the students to learn and practice their skills. While planning these opportunities, I reflected on the Kindergarten curriculum. I had the occasion to pilot learning opportunities and teach new concepts to the Kindergarten student.

While doing so, I implemented the second professional competency by using clear oral and written language that the students can understand. While teaching, I incorporated the sixth professional competency through class supervision and assuring the learning environment was safe and beneficial for all the students.

In the development of the four lessons chosen, I applied the first professional competency as well. My cooperating teacher and my University supervisor provided my lessons with valuable feedback that I attempted to apply in my other lessons. I reflected on their feedback and on the knowledge from our theory to assure that my lessons were beneficial to the students. This touches upon the professional competencies ten, eleven, and twelve. I worked with my teaching team and took into account the importance of lessons as well as acted professional to the feedback from my cooperating teacher and supervisor. I was respectful with the staff and parents.

These four lessons taught me how to engage students. Most Kindergarten students enjoy hands-on and exploration. As I learned in Concordia's Early Childhood and Elementary

Education Program, teachers must look at each student as a whole. Every student has potential and needs teacher as facilitators to make them grow to be the best they can. Inviting children to explore the world around them with hands-on experiences, they will learn what is in the curriculum and develop a curiosity and excited for learning.

For my next internship, I will need to work on the second professional competency. I would like to be as clear and concise as needed to help the students understand what is expected from them. I would also like to develop more lessons involving culture to educate students about cultures around them. Further, I need to develop skills in classroom management when it comes to attention from the students.