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(no) NCUR Reflection
EDSP 306, EDSP 307 and EDSP 458
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All EDSP students, we are most certainly in an unprecedented space and time. COVID-19 has upended all that we knew as "normal" and has forced us into 'distancing' ourselves—which, if I may be honest, is so challenging for many, including myself! It goes without saying, I will miss seeing you all in person—but am happy to connect online! ☺

Given our current climate and academic situation. The intent of an NCUR Reflection was to connect (and reflect ☺) your EDSP experience(s) to undergraduate research shared at the conference. I believe I told many of you that I reviewed a number of the proposals and was excited to see the connections you all would make!

With that, I'd like you to reflect on three things:

(1) How has COVID-19 impacted you as a student? Share as much or as little as you'd like. This is your reflection and I want to be sensitive to everyone's experiences;

I have had a lot of trouble adjusting. I've been self-quarantined since spring break and it's an emotional roller coaster. I have had to create a new normal to adjust to school and work from home. The lack of structure has been hard and I'm struggling with that. But, the extra time with my dogs has been nice!

(2) As a future educator (or professional), I'd like you to think through what you'd do for your students/families/clients if the COVID-19 pandemic 'hit' post-graduation—what measures would you put in place to connect and support?

I think emotional check ins are important! My boss calls us once a week to ask how we are adjusting, and it has been really comforting. So, I think I would check in not only with academics but also to see how they've been doing emotionally.

And finally, (3) how can I support you for the rest of the semester? What things do I need to make sure to have in place to ease this time of uncertainty?

I've been struggling a lot with keeping up with due dates, so the calendar you released is going to be helpful so I can rebuild the structure my work weeks! Anything that could help add to that would be awesome! ☺ Thanks for all you do!

My hope is that you all know how much I care for my students and ESPECIALLY right now, I want to make sure you feel supported and cared for even more—Jody ☺