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Non-NCUR Reflection

1. How has COVID-19 impacted you as a student?

COVID-19 has affected me as a student in more ways than I thought it would. Although I have had online classes before, I have never gone fully online for classes in a semester. When I had my past online classes, I was taking them while still in high school through dual enrollment. So I was still going to some in person high school classes. So having no interaction at all with classmates now is different and weird for me. Also, in this semester, some of my classes are the best classes I have ever taken in my entire college career and so I am frustrated that I can't fully experience these classes as they are meant to be and have as good of an experience with them because they were transitioned to online classes. Also, because of COVID-19, I am not able to take part in the organizations through the school that I had joined in this year. There were events for my organization that I was excited for and now because of the school closing, they are all cancelled and I can't even go participate with my organization. The last thing that could be affected would be my work study experience. The only job I have is through work study and because of COVID-19, I could be losing that job because of the school ending in person functions along with my job maybe just closing in general to respond to the pandemic.

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?

If COVID-19 were to have happened after I graduated, I would give as many updates to my students and families as soon as possible even if it is an update saying I am working through making a plan for how I will teach since people need communication and it eases stress for people. Also, I will provide multiple forms of communication for people who don't communicate well or don't have the resources for communicating online. To show support for my students and families, I will provide times where I would be available through email to just let them talk to me about anything other than academics. This way people can see that I care about them in ways other than in the classroom and show understanding for how extreme the situation is becoming.

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?

To support me for the rest of the semester, I would just need very clear and frequent updates on all that is happening in this classroom. I will need any changes that are happening to any assignments posted on D2L as soon as possible so then I can prepare and make changes for completing the assignment as best as I possibly can. Along with having things for the week ready as soon as possible so then I can see what is needed to be done and can process all that I am learning in this new format since I learn better in classrooms but have to adapt to this.