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NPT 305 and NPT 307
Principles & Methods of Teaching – Learning
(WRITING ASSIGNMENT)

A. INSTRUCTION. One of the requirements of this course is to complete one writing assignment for every semester. Attached in this packet are the guidelines, instructions, and due dates for the assignments. Please keep the following expectations in mind:

1. Each assignment is worth 100 points.
2. Read instructions carefully and be sure to complete all aspects of the assignments.
3. Be thorough and complete in your work.
4. The assignments are developed to correspond to topics that we will be studying throughout the term. You will get the most out of the assignments if they are done well. Therefore, you will need to turn in your work by the deadlines designated in your syllabus and on the assignment sheet. No late assignments will be accepted.
5. This is a group assignment. The grouping is similar with your clinical posting group.
6. The deadline for submission is on December 31, 2017, 12:00 midnight.
7. All assignments can be uploaded on this **ONLINE SUBMISSION LINK:**
<http://ifeet.org/online-assignment-submission.html>



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ASSIGNMENT NO. 1

- A. The “Last Lecture” Multimedia Project** (*Video and book are attached*)
- B. Essential Questions for the group assignment:**
- "How are dreams achieved?"*
 - "What does it mean to be fulfilled?"*
 - "What is a fulfilling life?"*
- C. The Background:** Randy Pausch dedicated his book in the following way:
“With thanks to my parents who allowed me to dream, and with hopes for the dreams my children will have.” There are people in each of your lives, like family members, teachers, and friends, who want to help you to be successful. Making those dreams a reality requires you to be resilient, determined, and empathetic.
- D. Your Tasks:** You will create a multimedia video project that captures the lessons that you have learned and the ones you want to “leave.”
- Complete in-class activities prior to completing your project (graphic organizers, Socratic/fishbowl discussions, small-group discussions/analysis, discussion forums, journal writing, reading log) - if assignments are not submitted on time, you will be penalized. Assignments more than a day late (unexcused) will not be accepted- you simply being “absent” is not an excuse.
 - The multimedia project presentations will be a maximum of 5 minutes in length (3 minutes for the video, 2 minutes for your lecture/speech).
 - The video must include a minimum of 20 (high quality) still pictures and/or video clips



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- d. Your photos/videos should be of you and your family or friends and/or photos that capture the overall theme (lessons learned) of your project.
- e. You must include two audio components in your video - your music soundtrack and a voice recording that details some of the lessons you have learned.
- f. Captions or quotes should be included in most, if not all, of your slides - these captions will need to be submitted to your digital portfolio via DVD medium.
- g. A copy of the lyrics and the justifications to your "Soundtrack of Life" need to also be digitally submitted.
- h. Five hundred (500) words Reflection Paper (*Your lecture*). Typed, 12-pt font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced and with an Original Title. ***NOTE: The 500 word Written Reflection (Your lecture) - Type a paper giving your "last lecture." This is not necessarily a "formal essay;" however, please make sure your paper is clear, pays attention to grammar conventions, and has an organizational sense about it. Your assignment is to write about what your dreams are and how you have demonstrated resiliency, determination, and empathy despite the obstacles you may have encountered during your high school years (if you have not encountered **any** obstacles and/or hardships, think about the ones you may potentially face moving forward in your educational journey or career). Make sure you are comfortable with sharing/speaking about the personal issues you write about because this will be the 2-minute lecture you will give in class. Be sure to include what you hope for those around you—your family, friends, and other relationships. Use Pausch's speech as a model of what words of wisdom you could leave to the aforementioned people.***



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- i. Components of the assignment need to be submitted via the www.ifeet.org submission portal.
- j. If you have any questions or if you are not clear about the assignment, ask for help prior to the deadline.

E. Due Date: You will present your multimedia projects to each other in class on the first week of January 2017. You will also be responsible for critiquing your peers' presentations. Even though you will present during specific times, all projects need to be uploaded to <http://ifeet.org/online-assignment-submission.html> on or before December 31, 2017 @ 11:59 pm. The portal will be closed at 12:00 am on January 1, 2018.

F. Helpful hints for your final project.

- a. **Write with purpose.** Your writing should be something that is personal and important to you. It is not just a collection of words on a page, but something that expresses who you are and what you value, and what impression you want to leave for others (purpose, voice, and tone are imperative).
- b. **Write specific.** Focus on the details of your experiences. If you want to talk about your neighborhood, focus on one aspect of it and develop the piece of writing with details.
- c. **Write real.** Do not hold back. Do not lie. This is about you and your experiences. Immerse yourself in the process and the emotions that may come along with it. If it is not real, do not write it.
- d. **Write before actually writing.** Use your in-class journal as a road map for your final reflection.



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G. Class Courtesy: You must respect each presenter. It is not just about you. You will actively listen when others present and you will engage your listeners while speaking. Your job is to always pay/give your attention, to listen, to focus, and to only laugh when you are supposed to. Your peers may be sharing some very personal things, it is difficult enough to do something like this; therefore, you will give everyone your undivided attention and remain polite and respectful of every individual. You will be reading Randy Pausch's The Last Lecture (***an e-book is given to you for downloading***). My advice, because this is such a profound piece of literature is to purchase your own copy.

H. HOW WILL YOUR ASSIGNMENTS BE GRADED. Each of your assignments is worth 100 points and will generally be graded by the following criteria:

PARTICULARS	INSTRUCTION	MAX.MARKS
1. Originality	The assignment must be original. It must pass through a plagiarism check. The acceptable standard is 30% similarity index	25
2. Creativity	Select a topic for your discussion	50
3. Introduction	It must contain why you selected the topic and its relevance. Word count must be 200-500.	5
4. Discussion	Discuss main points. This part must contain 1500 – 2500 words	10
5. Conclusion	It must contain summary and recommendations. This part must contain 100-200 words.	5
6. References	A minimum of three references is required.	5
Total		100