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Learning Outcomes

The goals that I must strive for to achieve success in CODES 121 are to get an A, expand my critical thinking skills, improve my writing skills, communicate better within people surrounding me, and so much more. A few learning outcomes that I have set for myself are Information Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Skills for Lifelong Learning, and Collaboration. I can do all these things with a set goal plan to show how I will be able to achieve them.

(5B.) Information literacy is accessing information using effective, well-designed search strategies and appropriate sources. In my previous years of going to school and writing research papers or just papers in general, I’ve always struggled to go through websites and read through them to see if it will be good information for me to use. The problem is me taking the time to process what I’m reading and taking notes about if the information would be useful. So to fix this problem I will use better note taking stratergies and actually taking the time seek the right information that will be best for me and this could help me out in the CODES program as I work with my peers.

(2B.) Critical and creative thinking take risks in approaches to learning to create new knowledge. When it’s time for me to start creatively thinking and thinking critically, I start to think about the topic for too long to the point where my mind goes blank. For example, if I am writing a paper and find myself getting stuck, to get myself out of this bubble I will use strategies that I’ve gotten from my professor named Dr. Despain and take out a pen and paper and start writing whatever comes to my mind. Whether I think it’s good or bad. I see this as a draft before I type my paper out. Using this strategy will not only help me accomplish my paper but it will also give me a chance to improve my critical thinking skills by finding different ways to think smarter about a situation and not harder.

(9A.) Problem solving identifies and evaluates multiple approaches for solving problems. Personally, I struggle with figuring out how to identify and evaluate multiple ways to solve problems. I think being in the CODES program and working with many different people, in many diversities who may have a better understanding of this or may be on the same level as me, could help me better at figuring out how to identify and evaluate problems in multiple different ways. By getting each other's opinions on things and seeing different ways to solve problems and figuring out what outcomes would be best fit for our situation. And as I use this further in life, it could help me with many other situations that I may encounter.

(7A.) Skills for lifelong learning pursue knowledge and educational experience beyond the classroom. As I step into learning more in college and connecting with other like-minded people, I strive to find different ways and skills that may apply to me in the future. And what I mean by this is that the knowledge that I learn every day, I know that there will be a greater outcome once I apply these skills towards my life. I can use the knowledge and the educational experiences to better not only myself but my chances of getting possible jobs, communicating with people that may help me connect to a job down the line in my future possibly.

(13A.) Written communication uses language to skillfully communicate with clarity and fluency. Personally, I’m not an individual that is highly skilled and able to communicate with clarity and fluency. Even though I try daily sometimes it can be a problem but by fixing this problem not only internally but externally I can seek feedback to help me get different perspectives on my writing habits to become a better writer.

As I set goals for myself that I must strive to achieve success in CODES 121 and the real world I can use them effectively to help myself as I move forward in life. And sometimes there will be challenges but if I have that dedication to strive and a positive mindset for myself, I will overcome these challenges and anything that may be thrown in my way to throw me off track.