**Reflection Process for Practicum Activities for the**

**Educational Diagnostician Program Academic Portfolio**

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Artifact: 001.2. Review 5 recent (not more than 3 years old) special education articles and document their findings using the Article Reflection Process**. Include the article with the reflection. (completed in EDSP 6345) See References for Articles.**

*A mother’s quest* is an article about a mother with a child with special needs and how she built a non-profit foundation to help students with special needs.

Describe: Describe the findings for all of the activities.

This is an inspirational story about how a mother was able to help her child with special needs. She saw that her son would benefit from additional help during the summers; however she found out that there is little information about summer camps for students with special needs. She built a non-profit foundation who is dedicated to provide this kind of information to parents who might need it.

Analyze: a. Describe the importance of the findings for the activities.

I think is very important to learn about how parents cope with children with disabilities. In the special education field, the multidisciplinary team must be sensible to parents with children with special needs. This story provides an inspiration for parents and a source of information for summer camps in the area.

b. Include connections to your 5 year goals or desired position.

My 5 year goal is to become very knowledgeable as educational diagnostician. Therefore, this article supports my goal as it provides me with a glimpse of how other parents find help and support for their children. This article supports my vision of becoming knowledgeable with strategies that can help students with disabilities. The diagnosticians make recommendations while designing an individualized programming for students with disabilities. Therefore, they must be equipped and prepared with knowledge about how to help these students.

c. Compare/contrast elements in your findings to your experiences or previous knowledge.

This article relates to some of my personal experiences with children with special education. Many children with disabilities regress during the summer and summer camps are a great way to keep the children making progress throughout the year. This article offers an example of how important is to offer other opportunities to these children.

Appraise: Critique or describe whether any of your findings were beneficial to you or not.

My findings confirmed that children with disabilities may benefit from participating in summer camps that cater to their modalities of learning.

Transform: a. Describe any future ideas or insights you gained.

This article will be useful for diagnosticians, parents, teachers, and students that are looking for ideas about summer camps or enrichment.

b. Describe future plans for use of the ideas presented, including any changes in your current practices or, describe how the information confirmed your current practices and/or beliefs.

The information in the article provided me with insights about resources that are available for children with special needs. This information is useful to provide resources to parents that might have a child who may benefit from it.

Scroll down to the next page to see the article.

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