

Rationale Statement: Specialization Standard 2-2

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Outcome: Applies current research on teaching and learning with technology when planning learning environments and experiences.

Evidence: EDUC 6665 Week 5 Application

The learning experience that I explored in this Application centered around online social networks. The growth and influence of websites like Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, Digg, and Xanga is undeniable ... and current research on their design and effects is starting to provide some unique outlooks about the future of social networking.

Sadly, however, mostly adults, including those involved in the education profession, are completely uninvolved in social networks. Of the 127 faculty members at my school, I am the only one with an active Facebook account ... and because of this fact, most of our students are learning and growing in an environment that is void of our influence. By focusing on social networks for this project and exploring the possibility of creating a learning curriculum, I feel that I would be able to heighten the interest of both my students and my fellow educators, enhancing our learning environment and ultimately engaging our students with relevant and meaningful learning.