



ACCADEMIC SKILLS LCLM 4001

REFLECTIVE REPORT

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The importance of Academic Skills: According to (Graham Gibbs and Martin Coffey) academic skills is the effectiveness of learning across the educational environment for students to succeed in higher education. It is important that students have a better understanding of it for them to be able to succeed in higher education.

In this report I will be focusing on my own academic skills, in particular Academic writing, Note taking and Reflective skills and how much I have learnt from these modules. (Gibbs, and Coffey)

Note Taking: This is very useful for large lecture classes. The focus is to concentrate on students on their capabilities during class lectures to improve on their academic learning. Some of the techniques used to improve student learning during lectures are:

1. Separating listening from recording requires Note Taking to be taken from memory.
2. Thorough review during lectures
3. Student participation in students' discussions by using 'pyramidding'
4. On the spot Questionnaires
5. Summerizing.(Gibbs, Habeshaw & Habeshaw 2009)

After this module It was a wonderful experience to have learnt about the importance of "Note Taking" and the different kinds of "Note Taking". I am amazed to see myself taking accurate notes by listening and paying keen attention to valuable information. I can now listen to conversations, talk shows, arguments, audios and videos, analyze and take accurate notes more so on the important key points. I can also organize my notes in my own words for my understanding.

On the other hand, even though the lecturer's teaching was clear and precise, I still found it a little bit difficult to understand and take notes of recorded audios and arguments based on the facts that most times the recordings are poor quality recording, and some of the students or lecturers most times don't sound clear enough to fully pick up or understand what they are saying. This is also due to the language barrier as students and lecturers come from various parts of the world and talk differently due to their accent or pronunciation of words.

How ever I am determined to learn by listening to more recorded discussions and arguments with keen attention to detail to get myself familiar to the different tongues or accents in order to get the clarity of certain words or sentences which will help me to improve gradually on them.

In whole I think it was a great experience to have learnt these skills which I never done before or experienced the great outcome is that it has helped me greatly in my academic journey and as a result, I passed my exams and also knowing that I can pass it on to other students who needed them made me feel extra proud of myself.

Reflective Skills: Reflection skills according to the author, It is the learning on how to become a professional. It is a piece of writing summarising student's reflection on a topic. It is very useful for students and teachers to reflect on their skills which allows them to do teaching practice at semesters. e (e.g., practical semester) is to have them (Martin Pieper, Julian Roelle Kirsten Berthold)

During this module I was able to learn new skills and gain experienced in reflective writing. I was taught how to make references and presentations, how to search Google scholar using Gibbs or kolb, search information and sources using Harvard and Google Scholar.

After this module I have learnt a lot about reflective writing and can now think back and bring up ideas at something. Make analysis with different ideas and to try make it work. Before writing a reflective report, I make all necessary research, sources of information and references before setting up a reflective recycle plan on what I am going to write about to produce a good presentation.

On this module everything went well as it was one of my favourite module and I am very pleased knowing I can now write a reflective report with a good presentation which can help me in my educational journey (Gibbs, 2008)

