



Academic and Employability Skills (LCHS4001)

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Task 2

Reflection – Research and Planning Skills

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Introduction

This reflective activity is about describing the challenges I faced conducting my research for Task 1, and how I improved my skills in research.

Research

I started my research on Special Educational Needs (SEN) teaching jobs online using Google. It was a bit challenging for me to find what exact key words I needed to use. I was overwhelmed with many websites on the topic, but most were irrelevant to my research or provided unconfirmed sources. Some websites use different wording, such as provide behavioural support instead of provide classroom assistance. It was difficult for me to think whether the source of information is correct or otherwise. I used CRAAP test to filter the resources. After this, I was able to evaluate my sources accurately.

Presenting

I broke down my research with different sub-headings to present with clarity. I was a bit nervous at beginning, but I had a clear plan of presentation in my mind that helped me throughout. I will use my experience of presenting my research for future, be more confident.

Challenges

I faced numerous challenges during my research, for example, finding the relevant and accurate information, collating, and presenting. While this research helped me to use resources better, I still find confusing to collate information. I think feedback on this aspect might have helped me improve.

Actions to improve

I want to improve my reading skills and collating the information skills before next term. I think skills in analysis of information will help me get better.

Further steps needed to Prepare for Task 3

I intend to carry on with my research by making better use of library resources, online resources while focusing on CRAAP test at each source.

The core strategies I would like to focus on are,

1. Realise the contradicting sources.
2. Critically thinking about the gaps and conflict information.

3. Using different tools to extend my research.

At this stage, I do not know the end point of my research.