

COUC810-- Quiz: Intensive Week Journal 5—February 21, 2025

Dr. Boecker gave us some guidelines, clarification, and examples to help us to refine our work by being aware of many formatting techniques and standards. This is very helpful and a confidence boost that will assist me in turning in a much better product (hopefully better for Sunday but for sure at the final submission). Another valuable aspect was sharing how to make sure our documents are clean by inspecting the document. This is very helpful because I never would have thought to do such a thing. Dr. B also shared that we are not to use adjectives in writing because it is a value judgement. This is one thing that I both love and hate about scholarly writing. It is a bit frustrating to not have the right to persuade (sale) an idea with persuasive speech, while I also appreciate that people who are writing from perspectives I may disagree with, are also supposed to supply the facts for their readers in a format that is unbiased by the authors opinions or persuasive salesmanship. A concern is when authors skew the data and give a one-sided argument. In my reading I have come across some ideas that are spoken well of by one set of information while being downplayed by another. I hope I am above this but happen to be a human as well, so this will be something I will have to be very intentional not to do as I grow in my scholarship, research, presentations, and writing opportunities.

Once again hearing where everyone is in the process helps me to feel I am at a reasonable place in my progress as well. Dr. B was so kind to try to schedule meetings with each person to work around the students' time constraints. This helps me greatly by seeing a demonstration of a Christ like spirit being lived out in the role of counselor education. The week was a good week because of the thoughtful way Dr. B went about organizing it. Having the variety of people to come and speak was very helpful and allowed me to see various personalities that have

accomplished what I am seeking and their presentations helped to also see some different ways the path may lead in the future. This helps to build confidence that though a future path may not be clear, there are a variety of opportunities to be pursued. I often use the line from the Frozen 2 movie song “just do the next right thing”. I think that applies well to sum up the class for the week and the various presenters’ comments.