**Core Competencies Reflection**

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|  | Core Competency: Communication\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Here is evidence that I can…** collaborate, teach, be considerate to others, discuss, contribute to class discussion, explain, justify, share ideas, etc. When my class was required to run a group experiment on the behaviors of wood bugs, it was very vital to have great communication skills. One of the ways that I used communication to benefit my group was in the planning stages of the experiment. We needed to evenly divide all of the work between ourselves taking into account every member’s interests, schedules, and resources. We also needed to collaborate to decide on an experiment that we all were passionate about. Both of these tasks involved lots of verbal contributing through ideas and attentive listening from the other members of the group to make sure that everyone was on the same page. Group communication was also utilized when we were running the experiment. I used it to great effect when making sure we were following our pre-determined procedure and reminded my group members when we started to stray from it. These examples of communication were all verbal, but I also had to communicate many times through typing digitally.  For our experiment, we had to write a report on the procedure, hypothesis, materials list, observations, and a conclusion documenting the results. It was important to be able to process the information that we learned from the experiment and then accurately describe what had happened with words. If we failed to communicate the important ideas effectively, then we may have jeopardized our overall findings. The writing component of this assignment also showed that I was able to show my thoughts and writing in a neat and easy to read way. This of course was shown with the overall neatly organized sectioning of each topic we had to cover. Again, this required tons of communication between all of my group members to make sure that everything sounded right, it was all neat, and nothing important was left out. These were just a few examples of how I was able to utilize communication to benefit my group’s success. Ways I want to improve are…One aspect of my communication that I want to improve on for the future is taking a leadership role during group projects. This role entails that I would encourage my group members, make sure everyone gets their work done on time, and possibly pick up any slack that was left behind by one of the people in my group. To make sure that I fill this role next time for a group project, I will review the communication section of the core competency sheet and make sure that I can achieve those attributes so that I can communicate to the best of my ability.  |  |