

Original Work Assessment

This process of creating and completing an original research project has been completely new territory for me but I have learned so much. From the beginning, I was faced with so much freedom to research whatever I pleased that I had limitless options for which direction I wanted to take this project. When my ISM teacher was giving us examples of what past students have done for their Original Works, this one example came across the screen that caught my eye. The student had researched different healthcare systems around the world and devised their own version of a healthcare system for a country of their choosing. I thought that this concept was quite interesting so I decided to put my own spin on it. Instead of creating a healthcare system, I would create the corporate foundation for a healthcare facility of my own to be located in a developing country of my own. The idea of building my own healthcare facility came from one of the informational interviews I had had with a professional. She had helped build and make the plans for a brand new wellness facility in Prosper, TX and I was fascinated by the ability of a group of people to work together and build something from the ground up. I decided to add this idea of creating my own healthcare facility with the challenges of the environment in a developing country would be an excitingly difficult project. Many lower-income countries lack the healthcare foundations that high-income nations take for granted so I thought it would be a wonderful learning experience for me to research the disparities in healthcare between developing and developed countries. By constructing the corporate foundation for my own healthcare facility, I would be applying extensive, analytical, and critical thinking throughout the entire research and

creation process. During the research process, I had sift through hundreds of sites to find ones that I viewed to be credible and educational enough to provide me with interesting and correct information for my data. I had to analyze the data that I collected as well as connect it to my project, thus implementing a higher level of thinking throughout the whole process. Although I did not actually design the healthcare facility for my original work, I was able to conduct all the basic and fundamental research that will greatly ease the process of my final product in the future. In addition, now that I have secured a mentor, I will be able to consult with my mentor and apply the knowledge she will bestow upon me as well as implement whatever tools she may allow me to use. When looking back at the process I went through for my original work, I am proud of the work I was able to accomplish but I hope to improve off of my work in the future. Additionally, I will need to time manage better so that I am not left making the final touches on my project the day of or the day before. All in all, I am extremely impressed with how my Original Work turned out and I am very excited to continue on my research journey and establish something tangible and meaningful with the help of my mentor.