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Development of the *PSC 4010 Psychology in Organizations* Online Course
for Trevecca Nazarene University

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Project Description

My project is to develop the *PSC 4010 Psychology in Organizations* online course for Trevecca Nazarene University. Trevecca offers a fully-online Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology through the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies (SGCS). One of the final courses taken by students majoring in Psychology is *PSC 4010 Psychology in Organizations*.

Capstone Rationale

In order for Trevecca to provide the required courses in its comprehensive program, and to enable the students to fulfill the requirements for graduating with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, this course must be developed and implemented for the first cohort of students. With the successful development of this course, current and future students, as well as its instructor(s), will benefit from its implementation.

Project Objectives

1. *Obtain basic training for developing courses for Blackboard.*

Having a working understanding of Blackboard's development environment will enable me to work more efficiently and to minimize errors.

2. *Communicate effectively and consistently with Professor Jackson and Dr. Daniels.*

When questions arise regarding TNU standards and/or Professor Jackson's preferences regarding the course content, I will ask about them immediately, thereby reducing any 'surprises' that could impact the successful completion of this project.

3. *Develop a coherent, organized, and complete Blackboard online course for PSC 4010.*

Using Trevecca's standards for course design and implementing consistent course structure and navigation provides a more cohesive experience for its students.

4. *Wrap up the development and obtain all course approvals on or before the stated due dates.*

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Setting

Trevecca uses Blackboard as its Learning Management System (LMS). As such, the environment and necessary resources associated with developing this course are the following:

- Blackboard Master Template for PSC 4010: Development environment
- Blackboard Sandbox: Practice development environment (“develop without damage”)
- Blackboard Collaborate and Skype for Business: Conference calls and tutorials
- Outlook: Email communication
- OneDrive: File sharing
- Professor Tim Jackson, SGCS Director of Registration: Content Expert and Course Instructor
- Dr. LaMetrius Daniels, TNU Director of Online Learning: Mentor and Supervisor
- Dr. Ricky Christman, SGCS Dean and Interim Psychology Program Director

Evaluation Plan

The evaluation plan to assess this project is as follows:

- I will review the course using the “Specific Review Standards from the Quality Matters (QM) Higher Education Rubric, 6th Edition.”
- Professor Jackson will review the course and issue the initial approval.
- Dr. Daniels will review the course and issue the second level of approval.
- Dr. Christman will review the course and issue the final approval

Project Schedule

The PSC 4010 course is scheduled to be available to students on November 6, 2018. Key dates in the course development are as follows:

- August 5, 2018: Initial email communication with Professor Jackson and Dr. Daniels
- September 17, 2018: All content due from Professor Jackson
- October 8, 2018: Course reviews by Professor Jackson and Dr. Daniels
- October 19, 2018: Course review by Dr. Christman
- October 30, 2018: Final approval by Dr. Christman
- November 2, 2018: Course opens to students
- November 6, 2018: Official course start date