

University of Louisville

Ideas to Action

Culminating Experience Student Reflection*

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Course: _____

Culminating Experience: _____

Please respond to the following questions about your culminating experience:

1. Content Application

- a. What specific skills and knowledge from previous courses did you use when completing the culminating experience?
- b. What new skills and knowledge did you gain from completing the culminating experience?
- c. How did participating in the culminating experience help you either relate your classroom work to the real world or contribute to knowledge in the discipline?

2. Critical Thinking

How did completing the culminating experience help you:

- a. Clearly identify the key issue, topic, or situation for the experience
- b. Accurately interpret relevant information
- c. Develop well-reasoned, specific conclusions and problems
- d. Consider assumptions, implications and consequences of alternative points of view
- e. Precisely communicate the experience to others

3. Self-Development

- a. What difference has participating in the culminating experience made in your intellectual, personal, ethical, and/or spiritual development?
- b. Why was the culminating experience valuable to you as a learner?
- c. How has your work in the culminating experience been relevant, practical or applicable for you and your career goals?

4. Please include any additional reflection about the culminating experience that you feel is relevant and important.

*Adapted from Paul, R. & Elder, L. (2008). *The miniature guide to critical thinking: concepts and tools*. Dillon Beach, CA: Foundation for Critical Thinking and Zubizaretta, J. (2009). *The learning portfolio: Reflective practice for improving student learning*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.