Implementing Assessment Course Wiki - Statement from Dr. KB

In Fall 2013 I began working to transition a course that I teach – *Implementing Assessment in the Classroom* – from a face-to-face class to a fully online class. The class would be fully online in Fall 2014. I presented a problem to Nick about my need to for a technology application that would allow me to teach and model the procedural knowledge that students need to evaluate evidence of validity and reliability for published instruments. On his own accord, Nick volunteered to attend several face-to-face class sessions to get a good understand of the procedural knowledge that would need to be transitioned to an online environment. Nick immediately suggested setting up a wiki. Even though I had no previous knowledge or skills about using wikis, Nick taught me how to use the Wikispaces tool and he because he understood the pedagogy behind my instructional need, he was able to suggest ways in which I could use the wiki to guide student learning. He created guidelines and instructions to guide students in their use of wikis in general, and specifically helped one of the students with log-in issues. Ironically, when I posed the same instructional problem to IT support personnel, their suggestions were considerably more complex and would not have been nearly as pedagogically successful in engaging students as was the wiki. The wiki was a very successful way in which I could model the procedural skills and students could practice applying these skills in a guided and support manner. Ultimately, the pedagogical success of the wiki was evident in the individual projects that students subsequently completed that required them to independently demonstrate the procedure skills supported by the wiki.

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