

EDU 7801 – Digital Portfolio
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In this course we were introduced to the World Wide Web and the part it will play in our studies. During our studies Professor Hughes guided us to the mechanics of setting up a web site. He demonstrated different ways to do this and then had each of us to practice. This course covered the components of a digital portfolio and exactly how we should construct one. The finer points of linking and were also covered. The portfolio will ultimately be utilized as the doctoral comprehensive exam.

In order to accomplish this, the following aims were presented to us by Professor Hughes:

- explain the levels of inquiry and the essential principles of reflective practice through the use of professional portfolios.
- develop the on-line technical and analytical skills to develop and expand professional portfolios through consistent, integrated, holistic strategies, rather than isolated, disaggregated responses.
- understand the broad perspective that integrates and applies the contributions of research experience with leadership through a portfolio.
- apply theory, always illustrated by concrete examples, to be used as tools for solving real problems through the development of a portfolio.
- present case problems and illustrations from actual leadership experiences using a digital portfolio.
- identify the complexities and ambiguities of research and its application to the field within a portfolio.
- provide a systems approach, which recognizes that there are no neat research answers to the array of organizational complexities facing leaders using a professional portfolio.

In the end, we were all enriched by the components of this class.