

Research Showcase Assessment

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Assessment:

On January 17th, 2018, I took part in the 2017-2018 Independent Study and Mentorship Research Showcase. After conducting a semester worth of research on how pediatrics can be broken into many pieces and that they are all connected, I was able to show my work to broader audience than just my friends and ISM teacher. By going through the process of setting up my display board and looking around at all of the other students' work, I found that my board had less visual pop than majority of the boards around me. While I possessed a color scheme and a geometric and stylistic order of my information, the cute, fun imagery was very limited. After going through my presentation several time, I decided that it did not take away from the experience of those who came to look at my board and ask me questions due to the fact that my research and my original work was purely based on writing and reading. My usage of secondary research primarily revolved around statistics, observations, and analysis of a medical environment. The creation of my original work was to not only set my thesis on how the specialization on pediatrics allows for doctors to have both an emotional and physical impact on a patient, but also revolved around the best way to communicate my knowledge level with my mentors. For example, by providing a supplemental writing sample for Professor Mitchell, she would be able to assess where I sit in the implementation of research writing. At the same time, I could demonstrate my knowledge base about the importance of pediatrics in the medical field for my second mentor, Dr. Jagani. Therefore, due to the process I went through to conduct my research and complete my original work, I felt that adding any more visuals would not add to the importance or the communication of the board, but would actually take away from its message and clean-cut design.

Also, looking back at the Research Showcase, I definitely want to do something more interactive for my final product. Looking into how I structured my original work, I am positive that focusing on secondary research for the first semester was the best choice I could have made due to the fact that it has helped me establish a foundation with both of my mentors on where I sit with my knowledge level. However, I found that not as many people could directly relate to my project because it was largely based on facts, not emotional intuition. Overall, the research showcase demonstrated to me that my next step needs to include both a factual and emotional side to best convey my message to me audience. The overall experience of being in a professional setting helped me gain bearings on how I need to carry myself at the Final Presentation night. By the end of the night, I was pleased with my experience and was sure about what I wanted to

do for my final work to make it more relatable than the research paper that I constructed for my original work project.