

Blurred Lines: Where Does the Lab End and the Classroom Begin?

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Disclaimer

• I will detail my personal experiences

• What I do will not work for everyone

• I am seeking partnership with Education faculty to help me strengthen the study













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Learning Styles

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Teaching vs. Research

Teach: to cause to know something

Research: careful or diligent search

Merriam-Webster, 2018









How?

Incorporation of research into teaching

- 2008 we completed a project on Intergenerational Learning (Powers, Gray, & Karver, 2013).
 - Students completed Senior Fitness Testing at a local retirement community
 - Assessed Ageist attitudes
 - After the event ageist attitudes improved by 33% after this event.



Positive	Negative
Cheerful	Crabby
Pleasant	Unpleasant
Friendly	Unfriendly
Kind	Cruel
Sweet	Sour
Nice	Mean
Tolerant	Intolerant
Cooperative	Uncooperative
Fair	Unfair
Grateful	Ungrateful
Unselfish	Selfish
Considerate	Inconsiderate
Patient	Impatient
Positive	Negative
Calm	Agitated
Thoughtful	Thoughtless
Humble	Arrogant
Frugal	Generous
Flexible	Inflexible
Good	Bad
Hopeful	Despairing
Optimistic	Pessimistic
Trustful	Suspicious
Safe	Dangerous





Powers, M., Gray, M. & Garver, K. (2013). Attitudes toward older adults: Results from a fitness-based intergenerational learning experience. Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 11(1), 50-61.





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How?

2015 TFSC Teaching Grant – GERT Suit

• Head-to-toe aging simulator

Ageist Attitudes

- 3 groups
 - Aging Simulation
 - Classroom Education
 - Service-Learning
 Experience (SFT)





























How?

- Teaching in Research
 Honors Theses
 - Independent Study





















What Did I Miss?

- Learning outcomes assessment
 - Anecdotal evidence

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- Student comments
- Student occupations





