

Essay Prompt: Blueprint for Change

Instructions:

In this final paper, you will craft a "Blueprint for Change" that synthesizes your main takeaways and learnings from the Catapult program you recently completed. Your task is to develop a comprehensive plan for advancing your department or institution forward in making education more relevant for students. Your blueprint should include an overall reflection, an implementation plan, actionable next steps, identification of potential barriers, and strategies for overcoming them.

Essay Structure:

1. Introduction & Reflection

- Reflect on the key concepts, insights, and methodologies learned from the Catapult masterclass.
- Discuss how these learnings have influenced your perspective on education and its relevance for students.
- Highlight any transformative moments or paradigm shifts that have occurred during the masterclass.

2. Implementation Plan

- Develop a detailed plan for implementing the insights gained from key masterclasses within your department or institution.
- Outline specific strategies, initiatives, or programs that will be introduced or enhanced to make education more relevant for students.
- Consider factors such as curriculum design, pedagogy, policy, student support services, initiatives, and coalition building.

3. Actionable Next Steps

- Clearly articulate the short-term and long-term steps that will be taken to initiate the implementation of your Plan.
- Identify responsible parties and deadlines for each step.

4. Identification of Potential Barriers and Strategies for Overcoming Them

- Anticipate potential challenges or barriers that may arise during the implementation process.
- Propose proactive strategies for overcoming these barriers, drawing on the principles and methodologies learned from the Catapult Program.
- Consider factors such as institutional culture, resource constraints, individuals' resistance to change, and processes in need of evolving.

5. Conclusion

- Summarize the anticipated impact of your Plan and reiterate its significance for advancing education relevance.
- Inspire confidence in the feasibility and impact of your proposed changes.