M-410 Pre-work Instructions

In order to make this class more valuable to you, the students, we want you to arrive at the class with some foundation information to help you create your presentations. We want you to succeed. You will need to read the enclosed units for the class, and you will need to go to the website below. You will be expected to hand in a paper stating your first presentation's objective. We will review this material Monday morning to give you time to tweak it if necessary before you turn it in. In order to be successful, you need to complete the pre-work.

FROM STUDENT WORKBOOK:
A portion of the student workbook is being sent to you in advance, as a part of your pre-work, alternatively you can find the readings at http://www.umt.edu/ce/cps/fire/m410.aspx

Read pages 6.7-6.18 “The Adult Learner” to deconstruct the adult learner, compare yourself to those identified traits, and investigate the variety of learning styles.

Read pages 7.7-7.24 “Instructional Methods” so you can differentiate between the various Instructional Methods, and properly utilize each as they were intended. Your first solo presentation will be a Demonstration (p. 7.11-12), so think about that method as you construct your lesson plan. Your second solo presentation can use any method, so you may get creative ideas by reading this handout.

Read pages 4.3-4.8 “Characteristics of an Instructional Objective” with the goal of improving your word choices when writing instructional objectives.

You may ask, “Why would anyone need to write a lesson plan if you are primarily teaching National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses and the lesson plans are already written out?” That’s because you may want to rewrite material you are given by NWCG courses. We are allowed to present the material in any way that’s effective as long as we meet the objectives of the units. One objective of our course is to practice how to be more creative and facilitative when instructing so we don’t all wind up talking heads going from one PowerPoint screen to the next.

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