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1. Describe some aspects of this course that promoted your learning.

- The overall field of information was extremely effective b/c I am now where I feel like I belong after I switched majors
- Lecture and class discussion very effective
- The paper applied a theory to real world
- The 2 papers we wrote really helped my learning
- I liked the style of teaching and how it pushed me to keep going
- Reading the book
- Other classmates help
- The class discussions helped in the viewpoints of some of the class material when the discussion were still on topic
- Reading the book-he really didn't teach all the material in class
- The speakers
- Clicker questions
- Class discussions
- Speakers
- Guest speakers, movie clips, etc
- The clickers were a good idea when they worked. It required you to think critically about a topic
- The in-class discussions, the notes
- Writing the paper was challenging but we were able to connect with real people

2. What specific, practical changes can you recommend that might improve the learning in this course?

- Wording of the paper made it difficult to understand. Power points would have been helpful
- Going slower when lecturing so we have the chance to finish our notes, a lot of my definitions, etc are only half way done b/c we moved on to a new topic
- Asking if there is any questions at beginning/end of class
- Giving notes to print out
- Maybe give a study on some things that should be focused on a little more for a test
- Use some method of putting notes or parts of notes on screen. Hard to read the board when the markers never worked well
- Have some power points available for students. Also, clickers are great. However, they didn't work regularly
- Power points for notes
- More explanation of writing assignments
- Chance for extra credit
- None

- Quinn should teach more of the book instead of just random discussions on different topics! It really doesn't help the student learn.
- The clickers should not be used. It was a waste of \$ 60 and sometimes they didn't even work.
- He needs to speak up more. He mumbles too much
- Not his mistake, but the clickers didn't work
- Smaller writing assignments (2-15 page papers)
- Power point notes
- Enunciation of words from instructor
- Be a little more organized
- Fewer chapters per test, but more tests
- Use power point for notes! (Even if you don't put them on Blackboard)
- I think that when we take notes it's hard to read them and grasp the full idea of them.
- It would be easier if you had clearer sets of notes like power point
- When choosing a subject to interview, this should be 18 or older
- Clickers excellent way of earning points for participating in class-however-they didn't work a lot of time making it frustrating for students and extra work for instructor
- The library reading was pointless-either have students buy book or provide copies and charge a fee
- Be more concise in what you want for your papers. I felt like I was not able to convey what was required from the syllabus until you explained it more in detail

3. If a student asked whether you would recommend this course from this instructor, what would you recommend and why?

- Yes, professor is very knowledgeable and makes class interesting and wants us to learn. He's an excellent teacher!
- Yes, I would recommend the course, this field of practice you need to understand development.
- Yes, the instructor made the course interesting and his style was interesting
- Yes. Dr. Quinn is a very good professor and you will learn a lot
- No-test questions are confusing and instructions for term papers were vague
- Yes, because he's a good instructor
- No, instructor is too hard to follow. He's all over the place. Doesn't speak or make things clear. Notes were all over (use power point next time)
- No, recommend different teacher
- Yes, I would recommend the class but not the instructor. I found him rather rude to the students, well at least a few
- Yes, I would recommend this course to anyone because it makes the student aware of changes that occur in our lives that we can apply to our social work degree
- Yes, though the class is somewhat unorganized. I feel the instructor is fair. He is also willing to help out, funny, and makes the class interesting
- Yes, it was interesting and overall, he is a good instructor
- Yes, well it is required for the major but it was fun discussing open topics
- Yes, it's a great class and the teacher is good. Ideas are communicated clearly and he made the classes very interesting and worthwhile

-Yes, Quinn is a really great instructor who wants you to do well, but only take it if you need it for a major, it's pretty much developmental psych and psych 101 combined