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Reflection Essay

No Pain, No Gain

I remember the first day of the class. I was standing in front of the door, and I took a deep breathe. When I stepped into the classroom, many complicated emotions, thoughts, and unexplained feelings were rising up. I was a little bit scared but, at the same time, looked forward to my first English class at Northern Marianas College. For students, it is a great challenge to take summer classes, because it has only six weeks to cover the materials that usually takes a full semester. Honestly, Dr. Kimberly's English class was not easy-going and required many exercises; however, throughout this summer English class, I have learned three valuable things, which really helped me overcome weakness and fear in writing.

The first thing is time management. I used to be lazy and frequently started work right before the assigned due time. However, this class was moving so fast, and lots of things such as online exercises, essays, and homework simultaneously were going on almost every day. As a six-month little baby's mom, I need to change myself to manage my time. As a result, I learned to plan my daily schedule and started to work on assignments as earlier as possible.

In addition, I learned academic writing skills, which is essential in every advanced career. I was always afraid of academic composition since English is my second language, and I have not experienced many different types of essays such as illustration, narrative, descriptive, process, cause and effect, and persuasive essays before. Every week we learned two or three different kinds of essay and practically applied that to each assigned essay. Other than the many types of essay, I also learned some grammar

rules, the basic format of essays, and APA citations from Dr. Kimberly. Although academically writing a paper required a lot of time and effort, I can say now it is worth it!

Lastly, I learned the variety of learning resources. After I delivered my baby, I tried to start learning English again and continue my study by myself. I felt that I was limited by learning resources, because I didn't bring my previous textbooks from California, in which my previous school was. However, during the course, Dr. Kimberly continually introduced many helpful online sites and resources, so I could work on my listening, reading, and grammar skills. One of the best online sites that I love is The Everyday Writer, and it provides numerous types of quizzes according to one's diagnostic grammar test result.

In conclusion, time management, academic writing skill, and many learning resources are the three advantages that I learned from EN094 summer class. It is said "No pain, No gain". The EN094 summer class requires a lot of time and effort, but there is much to gain from the pain.