Pre-Departure Technology Enhanced Instruction

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Pre-departure Instruction Enhances Overseas Education Programs at RIMS

- Primes students for intercultural learning
- Increases experiential understanding of husbandry and behavior
- Improves ability to identify & record behavioral signaling among dolphins
- Facilitates critical thinking, hypothesis-driven inquiry & data analysis

Backward Course Design (Wiggins & McTighe 2005)

1. Identify desired learning outcomes

2. Design assessment activities to evaluate learning outcomes

3. Plan learning experiences and instruction

Program Learning Outcomes

- 1. Demonstrate intercultural competence through journaling
- 2. Demonstrate ability to identify and record behavioral signaling among dolphins
- 3. Collect, analyze, and interpret behavioral data
- 4. Discuss scientific findings (final paper & poster presentation)

Case Study Pre-departure Online Modules

Matching Learning Outcomes/Activities

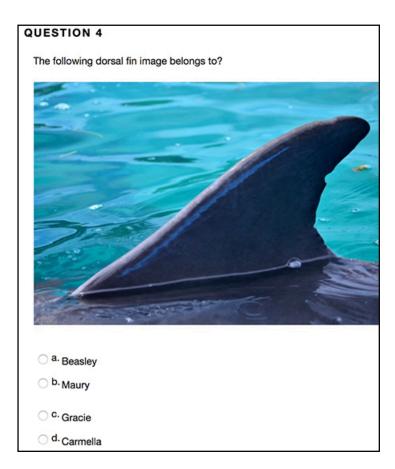
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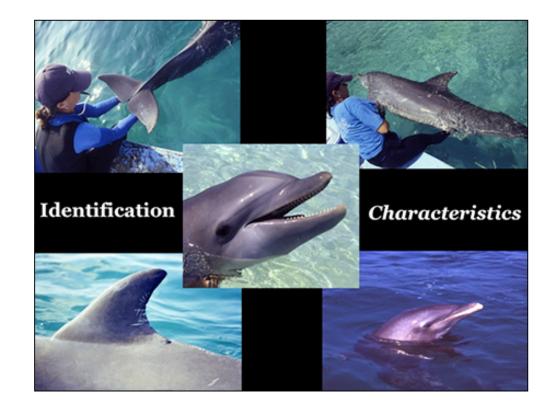


Smart Videos Build ID Skills



Matching Learning Outcomes & Assessments





Online Quizzes

Onsite Review

Matching Learning Outcomes/Activities





Inter-observer reliability

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Student Research on Behavioral Signaling & Social Alliances



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