

I learned a lot about instructional strategies this semester and they were all important lessons in my opinion. Direct Instruction put a name to what I have been doing most of my teaching career. I found Advance Organizers to be very interesting and will use them as transitions between modules in many of the courses I teach. Memorization is something I have used for years for my own learning, especially when preparing for new lectures and lately for tests I had to take in college courses I've attended. Cooperative Learning and Simulations are strategies that I will also be trying to incorporate into the courses I teach. I think the most important thing I learned from taking this class is that there is a wide array of instructional strategies and they can be mixed and matched to create a better learning experience for my students. I feel like I have a lot more tools at hand now and will be better able to help my students learn new material. I think that having a variety of strategies in my arsenal will also enable me to better match a teaching strategy to a particular student's preferred learning style. I'm excited to have some time off now so that I can read the rest of the strategies in the book that we didn't have time to get to during class.