

## IITG Mid Year Project Report : Entry # 189

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### IITG Project Title (truncated)

2014-Rockland-Kendall-Rockland Community College's Developmental Model Reform Initiative through the Implementation of a Digital Companion Course: Creating Reflective Practitioners and Engaged Students

### 1) Please consider the original timeline and deliverable targets. How is your project progressing compared with the original estimates?

We are basically on target. At RCC we ran a number of ENG 101 098 classes that employed ePortfolios to enhance student learning. With the help of our IR Department during the next several weeks we will be analyzing the results of these classes compared to classes which did not employ ePortfolios. This will give us preliminary data which will be useful as we continue the project in classes during the spring semester. We have been working collaboratively with SUNY Sullivan; they have identified a project coordinator and faculty who will be testing ePortfolios in their accelerated writing classes during the spring. We submitted a proposal to CIT to present a poster at the May conference, describing our activities and results.

### 2) How is spending progressing when compared with the original budget estimates? (You may also choose to detail issues regarding access to funds in the next three questions).

Although we were approved for the project during the summer of 2014, we did not receive funding until mid-November. We have been proceeding with grant activities as best we can as a community college.

### 3) Please provide feedback regarding your experience with the project execution, in particular any issues or roadblocks you've encountered that may have been unexpected.

We haven't encountered any roadblocks other than the delay in receiving funding.

### 4) What are your positive observations or pleasant surprises about your team's interaction or project process that might would be helpful to other PI's?

Administrators from both RCC and Sullivan worked closely together in supporting the project and in helping to identify staff who are now working on the grant activity. It is has been significant that this collaboration began during the planning process for the grant. The two project coordinators have been in regular communication, which has been essential in moving the project along.

### 5) Please describe any challenges you've encountered working with your project team that you've found solutions for that might be helpful to other PI's.

Aside from time management, which is an issue for all of us, the project has been running smoothly.