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Task 8.1: Applying what you learned to your own practice

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Brief description:

Final Reflection Paper: Looking back at the entire course/PD, we want you to identify and reflect on what you have learned about implementing and carrying out educational innovations and to articulate implications for your own practice. In particular, we want you to systematically discuss how you may make use of specific entrepreneurial practices encountered in the course within each of the following areas:

- Developing and communicating your vision
- Dealing with opportunities
- Risk-taking
- Dealing with resources
- Dealing with growth
- The process of initiating specific innovations

To provide the needed context for your reflections, please identify upfront your profession/role as an educator (i.e., teacher, principal, athletic coach, doctoral student, etc.).

Selected ideas for possible modifications for the detailed direction provided below:

- *You may or may not want to provide more specific directions about the format expected for this reflection/application*
- *You may want to assign a “thinking partner” to review a first draft of the paper and provide feedback/ask clarifying questions*
- *You may want to provide an assessment rubrics or leave the task and its assessment more open-ended*
- *You may want to precede the assignment with a class activity, where students will start brainstorming applications to their practice in small groups*