

Coming Up With Your Own Capstone Project

Capstone Idea Creation Questions & Checklist

As you brainstorm your Capstone Project, think through the following questions:

- What skills do I have that would allow me to have the best success at completing this project?
- Do I have access to all the resources needed to complete this project?
- If doing a memorial, how will this impact or help the family?
- How would I describe this project to a stranger? Think through the details of this project as much as possible.
- Do you foresee any issues or challenges? How can you prepare or avoid them?

Checklist of Information or Items Needed:

As you develop your project idea, think through the items and information you will need.

Consider the following:

- What information will I need from the family? Pictures, a personal item etc.
- What other materials or technology will I need? For example a web cam to live stream or more.
- Will I need to purchase any items? The goal of this capstone is not for you to spend money so think of ways to be creative when finding items.

Project Steps & Timeline:

Come up with a timeline and steps for your project. Be sure to think through your calendar and other commitments.

- How long will it take me to complete this project?
- What is the project start and end date?
- What milestones will I need to complete to ensure I am staying on the timeline?
- What practices from the program can I commit to help with this project? For example calendaring out all work for your capstone.

Best Practices & Reminders:

- Think about do's and don'ts for each project
- Calendar as much as possible for your project
- Remember why you are doing this project- to help a family in need
- Always respect the families wishes and privacy

Requirements for Project Completion:

- Submit a proposal of your idea and the steps/ timeline you will complete to accomplish your memorial project
- Document the process and the finished outcome. This includes submitting a video if applicable and at minimum 5 photos
- A short reflection answering the following:
 - How do you feel this project affected the family or individual you helped?
How did the project help you?
 - What advice would you give to other people who are comforting a bereaved family/individual?