

ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARD GUIDELINES

Purpose:

Participation in the discussion board forums is essential to successful learning in this online course. The discussion activities are designed to provide you with opportunities both to show that you are able to apply your learning in practical ways and to learn from other students in the course.

Expectations:

- ❖ To help keep the time required to read and respond to questions to a manageable amount, you will be assigned to smaller discussion groups (ie: 5 -6 people.)
- ❖ You are expected to reply to each discussion board question as posted by the instructor.
- ❖ Within your group, in a separate posting, you are expected to initially respond to the question, then review your colleagues' answers and offer feedback to **at least one other student's posting** for each discussion question. Responding directly to your colleague's posting in the thread of the discussion will be easier for others to follow.
- ❖ To show consideration for your fellow students, please ensure that your postings are concise (approximately _ words) and relevant to the topic. It can be quite time-consuming and physically tiring to read lengthy discussion board postings in online courses.
- ❖ Participation in the Discussion Board activities is worth _% of your course grade. Topic areas and questions are found under the Communications section on the D2L homepage.

Participation Grading Criteria:

Did student respond to all learning activity instructions?	Yes No
Did student offer collegial feedback in all activities?	Yes No
Is posting relevant to topic?	Yes No
Is posting concise?	Yes No