



OL 668 Small Group Discussion Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: This small group discussion is designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger concepts and goals of the course. The group discussion offers you the opportunity to express your own thoughts, ask questions for clarification, and gain insight from your classmates' responses and instructor's guidance.

Requirements for the Group Discussion Topic Assignment

Students are required to post one initial post and to follow up with at least one response post to each of your group members for each small group discussion topic assignment.

For your initial post (1), you must do the following:

- Compose a post of two to three paragraphs.
- Complete the initial post by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Use the provided prompt in the task to make your initial post. Your posts should be well-researched, illustrated with specific examples, and properly cited.

For your response posts, you must do the following:

- Reply to members of your team and continue a lively discussion throughout the week.
- Complete at least one response to each of your group members by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. of your local time zone.
- Use the provided prompt in the task to guide your responses.

Critical Elements	Exemplary	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Not Evident	Value
Comprehension	Develops an initial post using guiding questions to fully explore the simulation experience using rich and significant detail (100%)	Develops an initial post based on the discussion prompt to fully explore the simulation experience using adequate organization and detail (85%)	Develops an initial post based on the discussion prompt to explore the simulation experience but with some gaps in organization and detail (55%)	Does not develop an initial post based on the discussion prompt to explore the simulation experience (0%)	25
Timeliness		Submits initial post on time (100%)	Submits initial post one day late (55%)	Submits initial post two or more days late (0%)	20
Engagement	Provides relevant and meaningful response posts with clarifying explanation and detail (100%)	Provides relevant response posts with some explanation and detail (85%)	Provides somewhat relevant response posts with some explanation and detail (55%)	Provides response posts that are generic with little explanation or detail (0%)	25

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Critical Thinking	Draws insightful conclusions that are thoroughly defended with evidence and examples (100%)	Draws informed conclusions that are justified with evidence (85%)	Draws logical conclusions (55%)	Does not draw logical conclusions (0%)	25
Writing (Mechanics)	Writes posts that are easily understood, clear, and concise using proper citation methods where applicable with no errors in citations (100%)	Writes posts that are easily understood using proper citation methods where applicable with few errors in citations (85%)	Writes posts that are understandable using proper citation methods where applicable with a number of errors in citations (55%)	Writes posts that others are not able to understand and does not use proper citation methods where applicable (0%)	5
Total					100%