

Discussion Participation Rubric Script

Quality and Timeliness

When should I make my post?

This instructor has emphasized how important it is for students to submit early, and not wait until the last minute. They have clearly communicated the expectation that students should submit early enough for others to respond.

Spelling and Mechanics

Does spelling count?

Although this rubric does not specify how academic or casual discussion posts and comments must be, it does make clear to students that spelling and grammar count.

Demonstrates Knowledge and Understanding of Content and Applicability to Professional Practice

Can I write my post without having to do all that reading?

This instructor clearly communicates that they are expecting to see references to the week's content within the discussion posts. Putting the first and third criteria together, this also means that the student cannot wait until the last minute to complete the lesson content.

Generates Learning Within the Community

What should I post?

As commenting on classmates' posts is frequently required in online classes, this professor is ensuring that students compose posts that will lead to rich discussions. Do note that this rubric does not specify point values for replying to classmates, so a student could infer means that active participation is not required.