

Best Practices in Discussion Forum Posting

The following are some directional questions to consider in hopes to provide both active and substantive participation:

- Does your posting contribute to the overall discussion thread that is being developed?
- Does your posting add value to the discussion, or is it simply a response to provide a post?
- Does your posting expand on the main theme (of the discussion question, assignment posting, or weekly summary)?

Below are some additional ideas for the types of contributions you might consider:

- Share a related experience.
- Comment on others' experiences.
- Ask other students questions about their ideas and experiences.
- Consider an idea being discussed and offer a different perspective on it (e.g., play *devil's advocate*).
- Describe an interesting idea from the week's reading and explain what insights you gained from it.
- Ask the group a question about the week's reading if you would like more information.
- Disagree (respectfully, of course) with a point that someone else has made.
- Discuss a related work issue on which you would like some feedback.
- Describe how you have applied the recent course concepts to your personal and professional life.
- Share another resource you have used as you explored the course topics.