

Encouraging Participation

To ensure student success, we need to encourage participation in the online environment. Students come into our classes extremely motivated and enthusiastic about learning the subject matter. It is our job to keep their interest and inspire them. One place to do this is in the online discussion.

The ABC Intervention Method

What?

Increase effective student contributions in the online discussion using the ABC intervention method.

How?

Use ABC Model when constructing your post:

- Acknowledge something the individual has said.
- Build on their comment by adding personal experience or observations or relevant course content.
- Conclude with a **critical thinking** or socratic question to the individual or class.

Helpful Tips

Praise new ideas
Ask for clarification
Share personal experiences
Stay current in our subject area
Use effective questioning strategies
Frequently contribute your thoughts and opinions
Add value with your response

HINT!

Excellent response here, [Student]!

Class, [Student] brings up an interesting point: ["whatever student's interesting point is". Insert your own thoughts here to elaborate on the point or relate the student's comments to the course material.]

Then, insert a follow-up question related to the topic and ask students to explain their reasoning.