

Blog Entries

One of the requirements for this course is for you to post to your student blog. 5% of your final course mark is on the quality of your blog. (See rubric.)

The blogs are meant to facilitate a connection and dialogue between learners in the distance setting. These blogs will also provide some formative assessment and be a means for the student to do some self-reflection.

I have created a blog at <http://mkerpan.edublogs.org/> called "Kerpan's Course Corral." Within that blog I create a blog for each student. You will find your blog linked on the right side of the class blog. When you click the link it will take you to your own blog url.

You can post to your blog as often as you like, but these are the minimum requirements:

1. Post at the beginning of each Module. Take a look at the information under the appropriate Module tab and then write an entry telling what you may already know about the topics and what you anticipate learning.
2. Post a blog entry at the end of the Module reflecting on your activity and learning throughout the Module.
3. For each Module comment on at least one entry from another student or comment on the class blog. We may have other horse enthusiasts post entries. ***You must copy or link this comment to your own blog as well.***

I would encourage you to share information about your experiences with your horses, and any information you find interesting and think others may too.

Besides the minimum entries you may want to consider:

- Building a focused argument around a specific issue
- Asking a new related question
- Making a statement supported by personal experience or related search
- Sharing an upcoming event or reporting on one that has past

You can choose to share by writing or recording audio. It is always interesting to see pictures of others and what they are doing with their horses.

Please remember to post respectfully and safely. Do not pass on personal information more than your first name, and use school appropriate language and images.

Please contact me if you need help posting to your blog.

Your blog entries will be assessed with the following rubric.

	5 Exemplary	4 Proficient	3 Satisfactory	2 Limited	1 Unsatisfactory
Content	Postings provide excellent insight, understanding, and reflective thought.	Postings provide good insight, understanding, and reflective thought.	Postings provide adequate insight, understanding, and reflective thought.	Postings provide limited insight, understanding, and reflective thought.	Postings provide no insight, understanding, and reflective thought.
Connect with others and stimulate dialogue	Postings are creatively and fluently presented to stimulate dialogue and commentary.	Postings are well presented and should stimulate some dialogue and commentary.	Postings are adequately presented and an attempt is made to stimulate some commentary.	Postings are brief and no attempt is made to stimulate dialogue or commentary.	Postings do not connect with the audience or stimulate dialogue.
Timeliness	Postings are updated more often than required. (5 entries for each module)	Postings are updated more often than required. (4 entries for each module)	Postings are updated as required. (3 entries for each module)	Postings are updated less often than required. (2)	Postings are updated less often than required. (1)