

COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK

"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." --Vince Lombardi

ENMU-Roswell Four Institutional Learning Outcome (ILO) include the knowledge, skills and competencies embedded within every aspect of the college to inspire and enhance each student's transferable learning skills. The ILOs represent the broad categories of competence that enable students to be successful in further education, careers, as citizens and in their personal lives.

INQUIRY--Students are able to gather and synthesize relevant information, evaluate alternatives, and implement creative and effective solutions.

COLLABORATION--Students are able to perform effectively as part of a team.

COMMUNICATION--Students are able to effectively express and exchange ideas through listening, speaking, reading, writing and other modes of communication.

COMMUNITY--Students are able to practice community engagement that addresses social justice, environmental responsibility and cultural diversity.

How does one teach collaboration and teamwork?

"But teaching students to communicate with, listen to, and work well with one another isn't simply a matter of putting them in groups and letting them go about their business. Like any skill, the ability to work effectively with others requires some basic knowledge of best practices (in this case of team dynamics, consensus building, decision-making, etc.); a chance to practice the skills to be acquired; and feedback on the success of these efforts. It also requires that instructors think about how to structure teams, assignments, and class time so that the teamwork experience is optimized and the most learning that is possible occurs. --Lori Breslow (MIT)

Below are some links to help support the teaching of collaboration skills. Should you know of other resources to help improve the teaching of teamwork skills, please email todd.dekay@enmu.edu and I'll add the links to this list. We hope the information provided in these links encourages some reflection and change in our collaboration teaching methodology.

<http://web.mit.edu/fnl/vol/104/breslow.html> Teaching Teamwork Part 1

<http://web.mit.edu/fnl/vol/105/breslow.html> Teaching Teamwork Part 2

<https://www.cmu.edu/teaching/solveproblem/strat-groupwork/groupwork-04.html> Group Projects

<https://elearningindustry.com/6-online-collaboration-tools-and-strategies-boosting-learning> Online Learning