The discussion board is an asynchronous communication tool in Blackboard. Not all courses make use of the discussion board, but many have it as an option for students to use. Your instructor may require you to use the discussion board in Blackboard as part of an assignment, or you may use it to communicate and collaborate with your fellow students.

Discussion Boards are made up of forums, which are broad topics; threads, which are specific points of a topic; and Posts which are the communication on the specific points of a topic.

**Locate and Enter the Discussion Board**

Locate the link to the discussion board on your main course menu. For School of Nursing courses, this will be in the second block on your main menu. Click on the Discussion Board link on the left menu to see the forums you can post within.
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Select Your Forum

Click on the title of the forum you wish to post within.

![Forum Titles](image)
Posting to a Thread

1. To post to a thread, click the title of that thread to enter it.
2. Click the **Reply** button on the post you wish to reply to.
3. Type your post in the **Message** text box.
4. Click **Submit**.
Creating a Thread

Some forums will allow you to create your own threads. Note that once you create a thread, you may not be able to edit or delete it. This is at the discretion of your instructor.

1. Click the Create Thread button.
2. Enter the subject of your thread in the Subject text box.
3. Type your thread starter message in the Message text area.
4. Click Submit.
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1. Create Thread
2. Enter Message
3. Compose Message
4. Submit Thread