

## PEER EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

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Peer assessment also known as peer review offers a valuable learning experience where students evaluate and provide constructive feedback on each other's work, fostering a collaborative and reflective learning environment. Peer assessment empowers learners with essential lifelong skills, including the ability to evaluate and provide constructive feedback to others as well as critically assess and refine their own work, promoting continuous improvement and self-directed learning.

Why Implement Peer Assessment? Peer assessment is a valuable educational strategy that offers numerous benefits. It improves critical thinking skills by allowing students to evaluate and provide feedback on their peers' work. This process enhances learning outcomes, fosters collaboration and develops essential lifelong skills such as giving and receiving constructive feedback. Additionally, peer assessment reduces instructor workload, allowing teachers to focus on guidance and support. By simulating professional environments, peer assessment also prepares students for real-world scenarios where peer evaluation and feedback are common.

To launch peer evaluation, pinpoint tasks or projects that would profit from fellow student critiques. Think about dissecting extensive projects into manageable chunks, inserting peer assessment openings at every phase, such as project proposals, preliminary drafts, and revised drafts. Craft assessment criteria or scoring guides with unmistakable instructions for reviewers. Familiarize students with scoring guides through practice exercises to guarantee they can implement them correctly. Decide whether peer evaluation exercises will occur during class sessions or as homework assignments.

Peer assessment has many positive effects on students, such as improving critical thinking, increasing knowledge, practicing communication, teaching responsibility, enhancing self-confidence, and strengthening teamwork. Through peer assessment, students learn from one another, teach each other, and collectively grow in a collaborative and supportive learning environment.

To effectively conduct peer assessment, students should possess certain qualities. First, they need clear instructions that are detailed and easy to understand. Next, they should have objective criteria to evaluate each other's work, aligned with the learning goals. Students should also have equal opportunities to give feedback and assess their peers' work. Additionally, they should provide constructive feedback that helps their peers improve. Respect and courtesy towards each other are also essential, even when opinions differ. Furthermore, students should be able to analyze each other's work, offer recommendations for improvement, and communicate their ideas clearly and effectively.

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