

MLC Prerequisite Reflective (descriptive) Essay (PRE)

Intent: The intent of this prerequisite reflective essay is for your facilitator to get a feel for your writing style and capability. Instructions: Write a reflective (descriptive) essay on your Distributed Leader Course (DLC) IV experience.

Topic: **What was the most important part of DLC IV and how did it change you?** (If you did not complete DLC IV, write the essay from the perspective of Structured Self Development (SSD) IV.)

Essay type: **The descriptive essay** is a genre of essay that asks the student to describe something—object, person, place, experience, emotion, situation, etc. This genre encourages the student's ability to create a written account of a particular experience. What is more, this genre allows for a great deal of artistic freedom (the goal of which is to paint an image that is vivid and moving in the mind of the reader). For more details, see https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/essay_writing/descriptive_essays.html.

Details: You will write in a clear and concise manner while using correct grammar, sentence structure, and word usage. You must provide a coherent transition from one topic to the next using the provided rubric as a general guideline. Your essay should be in Times New Roman, 12-pt font, double spaced, using the **current APA 7th Edition style STUDENT PAPER, NO RUNNING HEADS, NO ABSTRACT** as found at Purdue OWL. For more on APA, see https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_style_introduction.html.

Your paper must be **three to five pages** in length not including your title and reference page. It must be in MS Word format and submitted in Blackboard. The PRE is a course requirement, and due NLT 10 days prior to the report date for the course.

This reflective essay **does not weigh into your final GPA**, but it is used to assess other areas of your Service School Academic Evaluation Report (DA Form 1059), please do the best that you can.

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