

Activity 1

Icebreaker—Getting To Know You

Have you ever attended an event and found yourself engulfed within a sea of unknown people and your only savior was everyone had a *Hello My Name Is* nametag? The nametag may have helped with remembering a name but it can remain challenging to create a connection with others by name alone.

We will be working together as a team of learners for the next 8-12 weeks yet have a challenge of collaborating behind the veil of a computer screen and keyboard. Let's help one another make connections within our class by discarding our *Hello My Name Is* nametag and replacing it with visual imagery to assist with creating your online visual persona. As the saying goes... A picture is worth a 1,000 words.

Find a digital image that represents who you are or something about you. This digital image could be a photograph of any type (nature, animal, abstract, a famous person, or even yourself), an avatar, an icon, or an illustration, etc. This imagery will help your classmates connect your name with visual context.

Here is what you do...

Post an introduction about yourself including the following:

- < Insert the digital image of choice into your discussion post by selecting the picture icon on the top menu. Do not add a link, the image should be viewable within the discussion post window.
- < Include a brief description of the image you chose (*in case others have difficulty seeing your image*).
- < Identify reason(s) why you chose that particular image and how it represents you.
- < Include what characteristic from this image relates to this course topic or eLearning in general.
- < Sign your post with your first and last name, the location you currently reside (minimum of state and country) and the time zone you are in.
- < Read and respond to some of the introductions from your classmates that interest you. It is not necessary to respond to everyone as the volume of posts can become overwhelming. Be mindful to seek introductions that may not have garnered a response as it encourages new relationships and builds community within our class.

TIPS: Save the image as a .jpg, .pdf or .png format for viewing compatibility.

If you have difficulty attaching the image, review the [course tutorial](#) section for posting tools and procedures, contact our 24-hour help desk service at helpdesk@institution.org or 555-555-5555, and/or add your question in the Q&A forum.

In the event that you are unsuccessful with these options, please feel free to contact me through my school email, facilitatorname@institution.org.

When all posts have been completed I will generate a reference document that includes the name of each classmate and their visual image. I will share this with all class participants as a reference sheet to connect a name with an image.

I will post my introduction to the discussion board and look forward to learning about each of you!