

Rubric: Applying 7 Principles to Enhance Learning & Persistence



Seven Principles of Learning & Persistence

30 years' research converges on seven effective principles for enhancing learning and persistence in higher ed. (Cuseo, 2018).



Validation Activity



Learners want to know they belong and that they and their ideas matter.

- does the activity help to know what the learner cares about?
- helps the learner feel listened to without judgment?
- enhances the learner's awareness of their strengths?
- reinforces that the learner belongs at the institution?

Self-efficacy, Grit, Growth Mindset



Learners thrive when they have faith that they can learn and grow.

- Does the activity reinforce growth mindset?
- Strengthens self-development?
- Challenges but does not overwhelm?
- Respects unique perspectives?
- Assists handling frustration & stress?

Purpose



When learners connect their purpose to their education, they are more likely to persist despite difficulties.

- Does the activity help learners discover their purpose?
- Connect what they are learning to their purpose?
- Set goals & make plans?
- Accommodate pursuit of purpose?
- Clarify or even elevate purpose?

Engagement & Active Learning



Learners learn better when actively engaged in learning.

- Is the activity relevant to purpose?
- Construct things or ideas?
- Use cooperative or collaborative learning?
- Reinforce learner's ownership?
- Allow learners to safely fail?
- Have a low floor & high ceiling?

Reflecting & Self-coaching



Learners learn by reflecting on experience.

- Does the activity promote self-coaching or reflection?
- Connect experiences with prior learning?
- Explore reactions to experience?
- Critically think about the experience?
- Apply to purpose?
- Generalize?

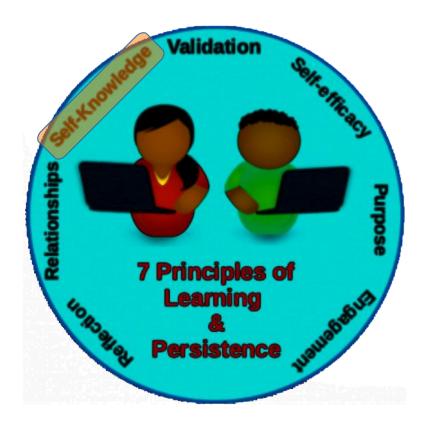
Social Connection & Relationships



Learners are more likely to learn & persist when they connect with others.

- Does the activity promote cooperative or collaborative learning?
- Enhance understanding of diversity?
- Connect learners in discussions?
- Improve interpersonal skills?
- Maintain faculty-learner relationship?

Self-knowledge



Learners learn and persist through self-regulation and self-knowledge.

- Does activity help learners know what they know or don't and how?
- Improve self-awareness and self-regulation skills?
- Encourage metacognitive awareness?
- Develop self-assessment and self-improvement skills?