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**Multi-State Collaborative (MSC) to Advance Quality Student Learning**

Refinement Year

**Work Plan**

The **Refinement Year** work, based on decisions confirmed by the Steering Committee during the September 23, 2016 Steering Committee conference call, is as follows:

* Rubrics: Critical Thinking, Written Communication, and Quantitative Reasoning are required. Civic Engagement is optional.
* Option 1—**Early & Late Collection—**Collect at least 50 artifacts (maximum is 150) from first-term students or students who have 15 or fewer credits earned; and collect at least 50 artifacts (maximum is 150) from students who have completed 75% of the credit hours to a degree (at least 45 credit hours at two-year institutions and at least 90 credit hours at four-year institutions)[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Option 2—**Late Collection Only—**Collect 100 artifacts from students who have completed 75% of credit hours to degree completion (at least 45 credit hours at two-year institutions and at least 90 credit hours at four-year institutions)[[2]](#footnote-2) (maximum of 300).
* Artifacts should not come from group work
* One artifact can be submitted for two value rubrics, such as Written Communication and Critical Thinking, or Criitical Thinking and Quantitative Reasoning.
* Size of artifacts (minimum 3 pages, maximum 25 pages; ideal minimum is 5 pages, ideal maximum is 20 pages)
* Collection periods are fall and spring (see Timeline). Artifacts will be scored for the Refinement Year, not by term.
* A maximum of 10 artifacts from one course can be collected and uploaded.
* Artifacts from the same student for the same rubric from different terms are not permitted.
1. for Oregon institutions the numbers will be the equivalent quarter hours [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. for Oregon institutions the numbers will be the equivalent quarter hours [↑](#footnote-ref-2)