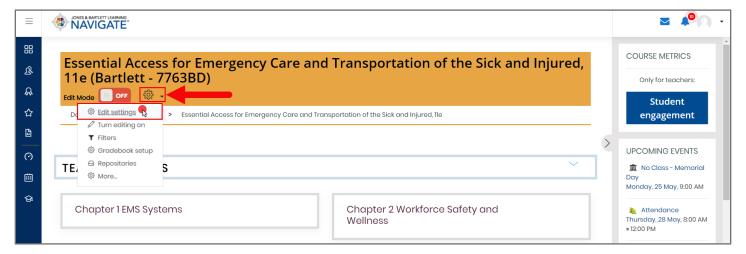


How to Create Student Groups

This document provides instructions on how to organize students into designated groups as a means of tracking and managing separate cohorts within a single course.

Please note: While the groups function is available, a recommended best practice is to use a one course ID per student cohort approach.

 First, you need to enable groups. From your course homepage, click the action button at the top, then choose Edit Settings.

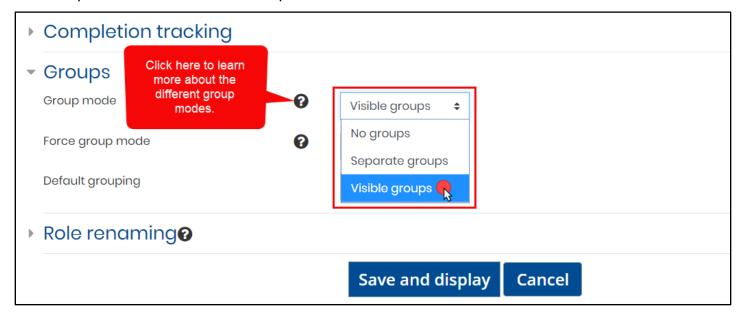




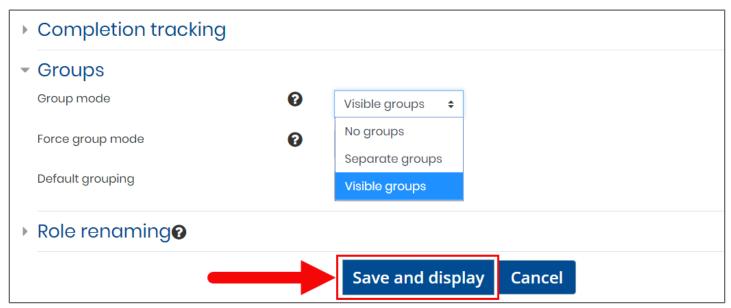




 Scroll down to Groups and click to expand the section. To the right of Group Mode, choose either separate groups or visible groups. You can learn more about these options by clicking the question mark next to the dropdown.



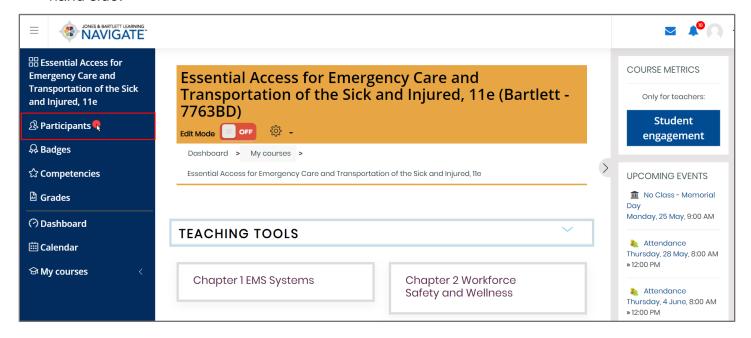
Next, click Save and Display at the bottom of the page to save your settings and return to your course homepage.







4. Then, from the course homepage, click the **Participants** link in the **Navigate Drawer** to the left-hand side.



5. You will be brought to a page listing all users currently enrolled in the course. From this page, click on the **Actions** button at the top-right, then select the **Groups** option from the menu dropdown.







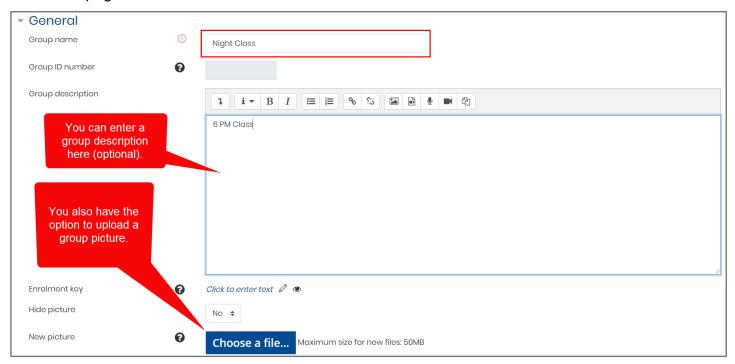
6. On the following page, click the **Create group** button towards the bottom-left of the page. You may need to scroll down to find this button.



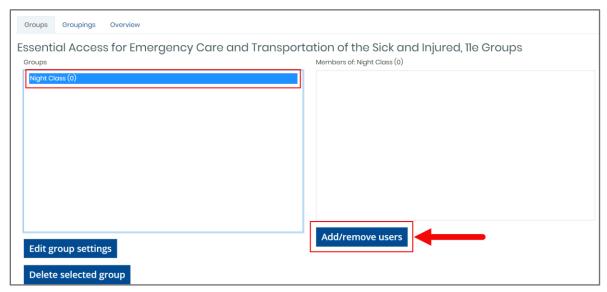




7. You must now enter a **Group name** in the field provided for how you would like the group to be displayed and tracked in the course. Other fields, such as **Group description** and **New picture**, are optional. Upon entering the desired information, click the **Save changes** button at the bottom of the page.



8. The **Group** you have just created will now be listed as an available group with which to assign participants in the course. To assign select students to this group, you must highlight its name in the **Groups** pickbox and then click the **Add/remove users** button to the bottom right of the page.

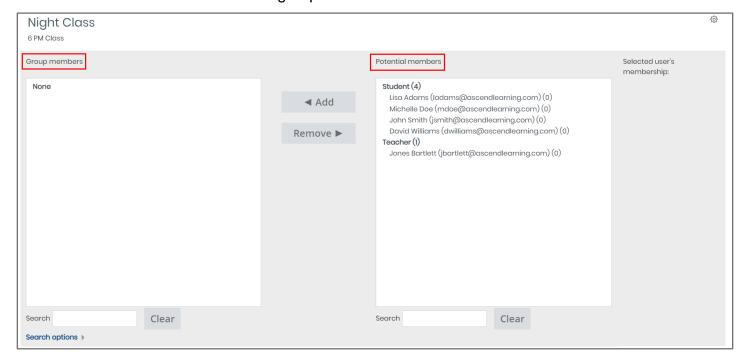




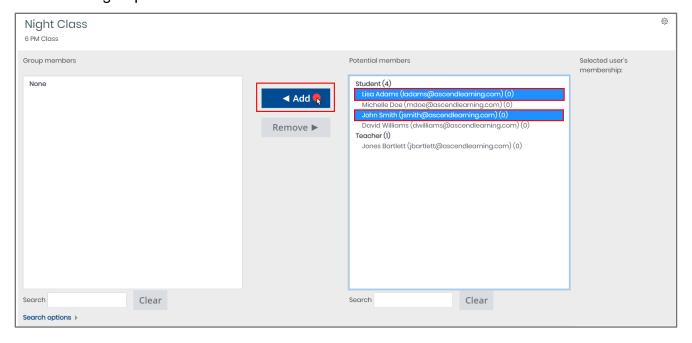




9. The next page will display two pickbox fields. The one on the left shows you **Group members** who are added to the group, and the box on the right displays the **Potential members** of course enrollees available to add to the group.



10. Use your mouse pointer to select an individual you would like to add to this group. Please note, you may select multiple users at a time by holding down the Control button on your keyboard during your selections. After choosing the desired users' names, click the **Add** button to assign them to the group.

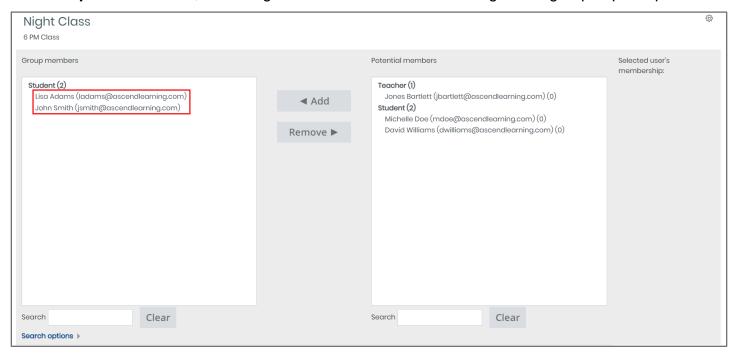




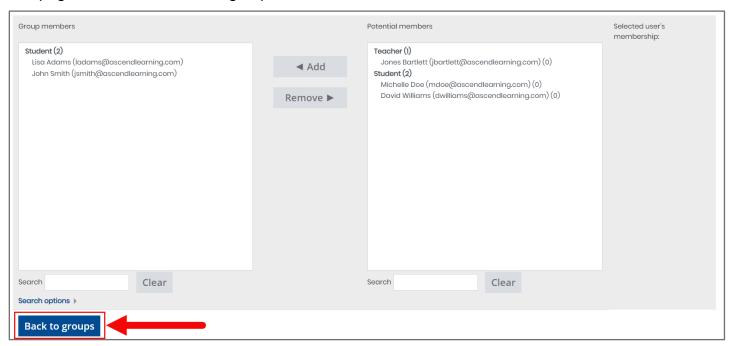




11. After clicking **Add**, you will see the student names move from the **Potential members** box to the **Group members** box, indicating that these students now belong to this group of participants.



12. When finished with your group additions, click the **Back to groups** button at the bottom of this page to continue to create groups as needed.

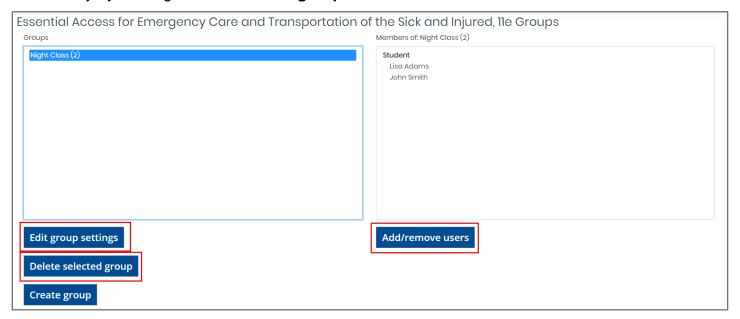




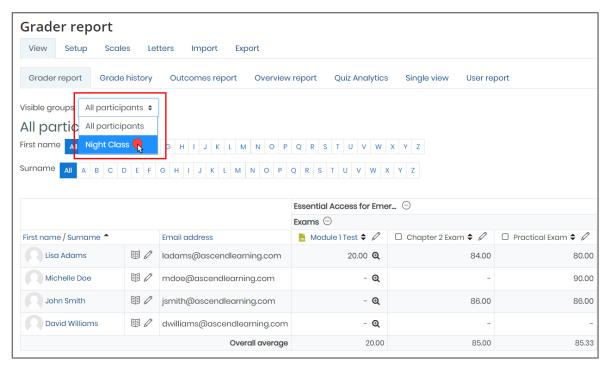




13. You may also manage your groups at any time from this Groups page by selecting the group you need to adjust and clicking the Add/remove users button again. You may also edit any other component of the group setup by clicking the Edit group settings button or removing the group entirely by clicking Delete selected group.



14. After setting up your groups, you will have the option of filtering out the group's results in your gradebook.







15. You can also create group overrides for quizzes or assignments in order to apply exceptions for a select group of students.

