**Discussion Board Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Unacceptable**  **0 Points** | **Acceptable**  **1 Point** | **Good**  **2 Points** | **Excellent**  **3 Points** |
| **Frequency** | Participates not at all. | Participates 1-2 times on the same day. | Participates 3-4 times but postings not distributed throughout week. | Participates 4-5 times throughout the week. |
| **Initial Assignment Posting** | Posts no assignment. | Posts adequate assignment with superficial thought and preparation; doesn’t address all aspects of the task. | Posts well developed assignment that addresses all aspects of the task; lacks full development of concepts. | Posts well developed assignment that fully addresses and develops all aspects of the task. |
| **Follow-Up Postings** | Posts no follow-up responses to others. | Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., agrees or disagrees); does not enrich discussion. | Elaborates on an existing posting with further comment or observation. | Demonstrates analysis of others’ posts; extends meaningful discussion by building on previous posts. |
| **Content**  **Contribution** | Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, or irrelevant to discussion. | Repeats but does not add substantive information to the discussion. | Posts information that is factually correct; lacks full development of concept or thought. | Posts factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution;  advances discussion. |
| **References & Support** | Includes no references or supporting experience. | Uses personal experience, but no references to readings or research. | Incorporates some references from literature and personal experience. | Uses references to literature, readings, or personal experience to support comments. |
| **Clarity & Mechanics** | Posts long, unorganized or rude content that may contain multiple errors or may be inappropriate. | Communicates in friendly, courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity or mechanics. | Contributes valuable information to discussion with minor clarity or mechanics errors. | Contributes to discussion with clear, concise comments formatted in an easy to read style that is free of grammatical or spelling errors. |