**Assessment Rubric for Discussion Participation**

**5 Points – Exemplary Participation**

* Demonstrate excellent discussion participation. Has analyzed readings exceptionally well, relating them to other readings, and/or other professional experiences and/or others’ posts, and includes appropriate references.
* Offers evaluation, synthesis, and evaluation of reading materials, and others’ posts, puts pieces of discussion questions together to advance understanding, forward new approaches.
* Contributes significantly to ongoing discussion: retains focuses, responds thoughtfully to others’ comments, provides useful judgments and observations that aid in the analysis.
* Demonstrates ongoing and active involvement going well beyond the requirement.
* Properly uses APA citations for references.

**4 points – Substantive Participation**

* Demonstrates good discussion participation: knows readings and has considered their implications, and includes appropriate references.
* Offers analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of material (beyond facts) to the class.
* Contributes to discussion, responds to others, thinks through own points, questions constructively, offers supports and suggestions.
* Demonstrates consistent and ongoing involvement beyond minimal requirements.
* Properly uses APA citations for references.

**3 points – Adequate Participation**

* Demonstrates adequate participation; knows facts but rarely shows evidence of interpretation or analysis, and minimally or inappropriately includes references.
* Offers straight-forward information such as “I agree” or “Yes, I experienced that too” without elaboration.
* Demonstrates consistent involvement meeting the minimal requirements.
* Properly uses APA citations for references.

**2 points – Perfunctory Participation**

* Only occasional involvement in the discussion forum and does not meet minimal participation requirements, and does not include references.
* Responses do not offer much beyond facts
* Does not properly use APA citations for references.

**1 points – Insufficient Participation**

* Minimal to little involvement in the discussion forum.
* No responses to the discussion forum.
* Does not include APA citations for references.

**0 points – No Participation**

* No posts or responses to the discussion forum.