

## Rubric for Asynchronous Discussion Board Participation

Asynchronous discussion enhances learning as you share your ideas, perspectives, and experiences with the class. You develop and refine your thoughts through the writing process, plus broaden your classmates' understanding of the course content. Use the following feedback to improve the quality of your discussion contributions.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Unacceptable 0 Points</b>	<b>Acceptable 1 Point</b>	<b>Good 2 Points</b>	<b>Excellent 3 Points</b>
<b>Frequency</b>	Participates not at all	Participates 1 time during the week	Participates 2 times but postings not distributed throughout the week	Participates more than 2 times throughout the week
<b>Initial Assignment Posting</b>	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
<b>Follow-Up Postings</b>	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
<b>Content Contribution</b>	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
<b>References &amp; Support</b>	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 experiences to support comments
<b>Clarity &amp; Mechanics</b>	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.