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| **CRITERIA** | **10 Points For Each Criteria** | **8.6 Points For Each Criteria** | **7.8 Points For Each Criteria** | **0 Points For Each Criteria** |
| Integration of Assigned Reading Assignment and Professional Resources | Discussions show evidence of knowledge and understanding of ***reading assignment*** and applicability of professional resources; **include other resources beyond the assigned reading that extend the learning.** | Discussions show evidence of knowledge and understanding of **reading assignment** and applicability to professional resources.  | Discussions show little evidence of knowledge and understanding of **reading assignment** and applicability to professional resources. | Discussions show no evidence of knowledge and understanding of **reading assignment** and applicability to professional resources. |
| Responses to Other Students and Instructor | Student responds to the posted questions with thoughtful ideas, clearly communicates ideas or opinions, and **poses additional questions** that deepen the discussion. | Student responds to the posted question with thoughtful ideas and clearly communicates his or her ideas or opinions. | Student responds to the posted question in a way that does not clearly indicate deep thought or original ideas or opinions. | Student responds to the posted question but misses the main idea of the session or discussion. |
| Utilizes Professional Language | Postings consistently show appropriate vocabulary and writing style. | Postings usually show appropriate vocabulary and writing style. | Postings often include inappropriate vocabulary and writing style. | Postings consistently show inappropriate vocabulary and writing style. |
| Ensures Timeliness of Discussion  | Student posted initial (first) response on time by 2400 EST on **Thursday night** and participated at least **one** additional time by 2400 EST on Sunday night. | Student posted initial response on time but only partially met participation requirements for the week. | Student posted initial response late but did participate in forum discussions on other days as required.  | Student did not post initial response on time and did not participate on additional days. |
| Grammar, Syntax, APA Format | No errors in grammar, spelling or punctuation with overall application of APA format including citations and references | Minimal errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling with overall application of APA format including citations and references | Multiple errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling with below average application of APA format, i.e. minimal citations and many errors in APA format | Excessive errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling with no evidence of APA format...i.e. no citations or references. |