

## Sample Online Discussions Rubric:

This rubric is intended to assess students' participation on asynchronous online discussion forums. The criteria listed below can be used to create a rubric on ICON. Having a rubric promotes consistent grading and clarity of coursework expectations. If a discussion activity is part of a more complex project or experiential activity, project specific criteria might be added (i.e. use of visuals or media).

Required Elements	EXCELLENT (4)	GOOD (3-2)	FAIR (1)	POOR (0)	
<b>Relevance of Post</b>	Posting thoroughly answers the discussion prompts and demonstrates understanding of material with well-developed ideas. Posting integrates assigned content and makes strong connections to practice.	Posting addresses most of the prompt(s) and demonstrates mild understanding of material with well-developed ideas. Posting references assigned content and may not make connections to practice.	Posting fails to address all components of the prompt. Makes short or irrelevant remarks. Posting lacks connection to practice.	No posting.	
<b>Quality of Post</b>	EXCELLENT (3)	GOOD (2)	FAIR (1)	POOR (0)	
	Appropriate comments: thoughtful, reflective, and respectful of other's postings.	Appropriate comments and responds respectfully to other's postings.	Responds, but with minimum effort. (e.g. "I agree with Bill")	No posting.	
<b>Contribution to the Learning Community</b>	Post meaningful questions to the community; attempts to motivate the group discussion; presents creative approaches to topic.	Attempts to direct the discussion and to present relevant viewpoints for consideration by group; interacts freely.	Minimum effort is made to participate in learning community as it develops.	No feedback provided to fellow student(s).	
<b>Mechanics</b>	EXCELLENT (2)	GOOD (1)	FAIR (.5)	POOR (0)	
	Writing is free of grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Writing includes less than 5 grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Writing includes 4-5 grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.	Writing contains more than 5 grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors.	
				Total	___/12

