Discussion Forum Detailed Directions and Grading

**Introduction**

During this module you have learned about ……(add brief description of module content)

**The Prompt**

Respond to the following prompt(s) for this module.

(add selected prompt option here)

**Resources**

Discussion Assignment Guidelines

Refer back to and reference your reading and resources for this module. You may also use additional education resources including information gleaned from a web search. Be sure to always cite your sources.

**Grading Criteria**

To earn full credit for your original thread, you will need to post your work prior to the established due date.  Your post should reflect college-level writing and be free from spelling and grammar mistakes.  You should answer all elements of the prompt as detailed in the specifications.

Your assignment submission will be evaluated using this rubric:

Discussion Assignment Rubric

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| Element Being Graded | Exceeds Expectation | Meets  Expectation | Needs Improvement |
| Original Thread | Answered all parts of the original prompt and provided supporting details and references to the module reading    11-15 | Answered all parts of the original prompt but may lack supporting details or specific references to the module reading    6-10 | Did not make an original post or did not answer all elements of the post          0-5 |
| First Response to Classmate | Responded to a classmate and added content that expanded both the ideas and the conversation      3-5 | Made a response that simply agreed or disagreed but did not add any independent though or extend the conversation    1-2 | Did not respond to a classmate              0 |
| Second Response to Classmate | Responded to a classmate and added content that expanded both the ideas and the conversation      3-5 | Made a response that simply agreed or disagreed but did not add any independent though or extend the conversation    1-2 | Did not respond to a classmate              0 |
| Professional Spelling and Grammar | Two or fewer total spelling or grammar errors were made in the thread and responses    5 | Three to ten total spelling or grammar errors were made in the thread and responses    1-4 | More than ten total spelling or grammar  errors were made in the thread and responses    0 |

**Specifications**

For a satisfactory score, your initial responses should include specific support from course materials, including any readings, videos, online resources, your own experiences, or other sources as detailed in the assignment instructions. An appropriate opening response should include at least ….. (add details from the assignment option you selected)

You should also respond in a substantive way to other students, moving the conversation forward, presenting an alternative viewpoint, or providing additional support for classmates’ ideas.  Supporting information is expected in those responses as well.

In addition, you are expected to reply to those who may have responded to your initial postings.  Thorough, conscientious participation throughout the week will be rewarded.