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| **ONLINE DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENT** |

**Value:** 10% (2 discussions, one randomly chosen)

**Discussion submission:** Original discussion thread and reply to discussion forum

**Discussion assignment submission:** Participation module, Turnitin

**DESCRIPTION**

Two discussions will be posted to the "Discussion Forum” Module during the course. Discussions will be held during modules 2-3 and 5-6.

The class will be divided into discussion groups for each discussion unit.  The discussion groups will allow you to critically discuss the learning material by responding to questions posted by the course director.

During each of the three discussion units, you will be required to post the following:

* **1 original post:** Provide at least one concise (300 words or fewer) and thoughtful response to each question posted by the professor, based on your thoughts, ideas and opinions about course readings. A good post will include additional work experience examples and/or questions and/or ideas and/or links to interesting media (e.g., news items, videos, etc.) to stimulate the discussions.
* **1 peer response:** Respond to the post of at least one other student (200 words or fewer).

**Discussion Post Criteria**

* Make your **initial original post by Friday of the first discussion week**, and post one reply to other students **by Friday of the second discussion week**.
* It is important to review the Discussion Post Rubric to understand the requirements and criteria for grading (see below).

**DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:** Due Module 11, Friday at noon.

Create one word document and submit it into the Turnitin discussion submission in the participation module. See the document ADMS 3660 “Discussion Submission Webscript” for detailed instructions.

The grading faculty will randomly choose one of your discussion threads for the purpose of grading the discussion assignment.

**Writing Guidelines**

* *Referencing*: All sources you use must be cited in APA style.
* *Original Thinking:* Discussion posts encourage you to find what is meaningful to you and thus add value to your learning. Do not simply outline or summarize the material covered. Consider what you found interesting, what you learned that was new, how your learning affected your preconceptions or misconceptions, and how your learning affects your point of view and your behaviour.

**Discussion Rubric\*\*\***

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| All discussions: | |
| 2 – 0\* | Completion: 2 original threads, on time and within word limit. |
|  | Completion: 2 original replies, on time and within word limit.  \* Any late or over word limit thread/replies results in the deduction of 1 point. |
| Randomly chosen discussion: | |
| 2 - 0 | Relevance: Does the original thread answer the discussion question? |
| 6 - 0 | Quality: Extend to which course readings and/or additional experiences (ie. work or media) are incorporated into the response. Extend to which the response is well written (grammar, editing, etc.). Extend to which the discussion stimulates more discussion. |

\*\*\*A penalty of 3 points is applied if only one complete discussion (thread and reply) is submitted. You will automatically be graded on the submitted discussion.