

NURS 734 Online Discussion Grading Rubric

Online discussions will be graded as follows:

A: Excellent class participation. The student posts at least two times per week beginning early in the week. The student's contributions continue the learning outcome for the week, they are substantive, with synthesis of the readings positive and reflective. Additionally, the student shows critical thinking and a basic understanding of "systems" operational issues and theory, APA references the required readings.

B: Good class participation. The student posts at least two times per week at regular intervals. Postings are substantive, contribute to the learning outcome for the week, and are positive and reflective.

C: Adequate class participation. The student occasionally contributes to class discussion, logs in less than 2 times a week, and his/her posts are less than requested word counts. A grade of C may be assigned if the student's comments during the class indicate minimum levels of understanding or evidence of reading the material.

F: Marginal, unprofessional or disruptive class participation. The student fails to maintain the required presence (contributions at least twice a week) on the group discussion board. The student is disruptive or unprofessional – or – he or she is inconsistent in contributions to group discussions – or – the student's comments during the discussion suggest that he or she has not read the assigned material. A grade of F may also be given to late and tardy participation. It may be given to students posting only on the final weekend.

Failure to participate=0 points

Quantitative and qualitative expectations for online discussions are stated in the Syllabus/Online Learning section in the folder titled "Projects and Assignments."

Engagement with the discussion, evidence of reading and critical thinking impact the actual numeric grade.