

**Angelo State University  
College of Health and Human Services  
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**

**Discussion Board Assignments**

**General Criteria - Online Discussion Board Assignments**

Online Classroom Participation on the Discussion Board: Grading and Evaluation Guidelines for Student Participation.

- A mastery level of 80% is required on the Discussion Board assignment and is based on your weekly participation in online discussions.
- Discussion Board assignments must be posted by noon on Saturday each week. One-half credit will be given up to one week on late postings after which no credit will be assigned..
- Initial responses to the question of the week are worth a maximum of 7 points; responses to classmate's postings are worth a maximum of 3 points for a total of 10 points per week.
- The following guidelines are intended to help you achieve the grade you desire for the discussion board portion of your course grade.

To achieve the maximum credit for your posting/discussion each week:

- Your initial posting should be between 100 and 150 words in length and posted early enough in the week to allow time for you to reply substantively to your fellow learners.
- Your reply to your fellow learners should be between 50 and 100 words in length.
- Your postings should be professional (no slang or cursing) and respectful in tone to your fellow learners.
- Your comments should integrate and reflect your evaluation of the question and include references in AMA format as appropriate. Please include examples from your physical therapy experiences and/or relevant literature as they pertain to the discussion questions.
- Your comments may agree or disagree with your peers or authors when accompanied by well-stated rationale and a respectful tone is used.
- Your comments may include further questions or requests for clarification.
- Your comments should reflect that you "listen" to the ongoing discussion (as evidenced by responding substantively at least once to a peer's comments during the week). It is important to respond to your classmates with praise on a "job well done" but comments that are the appropriate length stating "Good Job" with a lot of words, etc. that do not advance the discussion will not be counted as your substantive reply to your fellow learners for the week.

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