

**Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing
Online Discussion Group Rubric: Nursing Access**

Online Discussion Group participation will be evaluated based on the following rubric. **You must meet all of the criteria in the first column to be evaluated as Satisfactory. Any exceptions will be evaluated as either Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory, and will result in one hour of missed theory time.**

Satisfactory	Needs Improvement*	Unsatisfactory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted on time • Follows Netiquette • Uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling • Answers all of the questions with exceptional depth and knowledge of the content • Active in discussions • Supports opinions with data, articles, or textbook (in-text citation and reference required for both the initial post and reply to peer) • Reply to peer reflects much thought, offering new ideas for discussion • Initial post minimum 250 words • Replies to one peer’s initial posts in a substantive manner (minimum 100 words) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers all questions but may be too brief • Response is unclear or needs more clarification on discussions • Incorrect grammar, punctuation, or spelling • Makes Netiquette errors • Only repeats or agrees with others responses, offers no new thought • Missing either the in-text citation or reference, but not both • Does not meet minimum word requirements for one post, but not both <p>*If 2 or more criteria within this column are identified, the overall evaluation results in an Unsatisfactory</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No posting, posting is late, or does not include substantive response to one peer • Does not meet minimum word requirements for both posts • Offers no citations/references for responses • Does not answer all questions

Online Discussion Group post: The response to the online discussion group assignment must have a supportive reference. For example, if you are discussing medications then cite and reference the textbook that you obtained the information from. If you directly quote content, be sure to include quotation marks around the material that is quoted.

Substantive posts: are posts that are done in response to your peer and are a minimum of 100 words in length. Substantive posts are thoughtful, thought provoking, offer new ideas, have a personal perspective with examples, and are supported by literature (articles and textbooks that are peer-reviewed). The substantive peer post is required to have a citation and reference. I agree statements and reiteration of the post is not considered substantive. Substantive posts must be in response to one peer’s initial postings. Whereas they are encouraged, replies within your own initial discussion post are not counted toward the substantive peer post.

Netiquette: This is etiquette on the Net. Each participant of an online community needs to be cognizant of the perceptions of others. Whether the communication is in the form of an e-mail or discussion post, it is imperative that sensitivity, grace, and respect are used in all situations. Here are some tips that can help improve the communication in this course:

- Do not USE ALL CAPS. This is considered shouting.
- Use complete words, punctuate, capitalize appropriately, and spell check your posts prior to submission.
- Avoid distracting fonts, symbols, pictures, and slang.
- Keep to the facts and avoid wordiness.
- Respect each other’s viewpoints, diversity, and opinion. The idea is for each of us to open up our views and critical thinking.
- Avoid blaming, complaining, spreading rumors, socializing, etc.
- Maintain confidentiality and follow HIPAA. Do not include personal information.
- Do not give out site, user name, password or personal information and do not ask for it.
- Never put anyone down or use derogatory terms.
- If a posting is unclear, ask for clarification.