



**Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
Medical Imaging Program
MI 123 Clinical Seminar I
Discussion Forum Assignment– Cultural Awareness**

Working in Healthcare offers the opportunity to serve many different types of patients and many diverse groups of people. Often the individuals we are caring for are much different from your own individual culture, background or hold the same values and/or common goals. As a healthcare professional, we hold huge responsibility to maintain unbiased professionalism in every patient encounter, with other members of the healthcare team and with each other. The ARRT Code of Ethics speaks directly to diversity and cultural awareness with the Code of Ethics #3 which states, “The Radiologic Technologist delivers patient care and service unrestricted by the concerns of personal attributes or the nature of the disease or illness, and without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or any other legally protected basis.” Every individual has their own identity which runs deeper than their outside attributes.

Assignment

A discussion forum encourages critical thinking and democratic exchange. It allows time to formulate responses while utilizing professional communication.

Each student will watch the provided video links and complete the associated discussion posts. After the initial submission of your thoughts please respond to at least 2 other classmates posts. Participation in all of the assigned discussion forums is expected. The original post of each student must be an original thought and provide the required responses to fellow students’ discussion posts. Students should strive to be part of the discussion by submitting more than just one or two solo thoughts, and more than just responding with a remark such as, “I agree!”

It is encouraged for all students to strive to complete the following items to meet the goal of 100% for each discussion post:

1. *Promptness and Initiative*: Consistently initiate and/or respond to postings during the discussion period and demonstrate good self-initiative.
2. *Delivery of Post*: Consistently make grammatically correct posts with rare misspellings. Frequently attempts to motivate the group discussion and prevents creative approaches to the discussion topic.
3. *Relevance of Post*: Consistently posts topics related to discussion topic; cites additional references related to the topic when applicable.
4. *Expression Within the Post*: Expresses opinions and ideas in a clear and concise manner with connection to the topic. Back up your discussion post with an experience if applicable.
5. *Contribution to the Learning Community*: Awareness of the community (others within the class); frequently attempts to motivate the group discussion; presents creative approaches.

This discussion forum is a part of the course requirements of MI123. If a student fails to participate in the discussion forum or does not complete the required components, the student has not met the requirements of MI 123: Clinical Seminar I.

Discussion Post will open June 2, 2021 within the MI123 Edvance page. All final posts will be ***due June 9, 2021.***

Cultural Awareness Videos and Discussion Topics:

Cultural Diversity: The Sum of our Parts presented by Hilda Mwangi (about 15 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tv7NaV47no>

Cultural Competence in Healthcare presented by Lisette Martinez (about 57 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GY6DjzEOuxs>

Submit your own discussion post to all of the following items and respond to at least 2 other classmates posts.

- Why is cultural competency important to patients? What items can we do as care givers in building trust with all patients and patients of different cultures/identities?
- Identify what makes up a person's identity. How can you assist in bringing their individual identity/culture to the forefront of a patients care while they are receiving imaging services?
- How does a person's culture/identity effect their medical treatment?