**Discussion Board Participation Rubric**

This rubric is used by your instructor to assign points for your discussion board participation. Each discussion board post is worth 5 points. You will receive two points for posting an assignment by the due date. Additional points will be based on your contribution to the discussion.

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| **Category** | **Excellent (1)** | **Satisfactory (.5)** | **Requires further effort (.25)** |
| **Quality of Information** | Information clearly relates to the main topic. Contributions are thoughtful and relevant to the discussion.  | Information clearly relates to the main topic.  | Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic or simply restates the main concepts. |
| **Participation** | Responds to the instructors and other members of the online community. Encourages and facilitates interaction among members of the online community. | Responds to other members of the online community. | Responds to the instructor only. |
| **Professional Language** | Professional vocabulary and writing style are used consistently throughout the discussion. | Professional vocabulary and writing style are used frequently throughout the discussion. | Professional vocabulary and writing style are occasionally used. |
| **Total Possible Points** | 3 points | 1.5 points | .75 points |