

Criteria	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Weight
Psychology and development and progression of chronic illness	Provides a comprehensive and insightful analysis of a wide range of psychological factors that may have contributed to the development and progression of chronic illness. The response shows a deep understanding of the subject matter and provides specific examples from the individual's life.	Provides a clear and adequate analysis of psychological factors that may have contributed to the development and progression of chronic illness. The response is well-structured and shows an adequately convincing understanding of the subject matter.	Provides a basic, vague, or incomplete analysis of some psychological factors that may have contributed to the development and progression of chronic illness but lack depth and specificity. The response may contain inaccuracies and provide a basic or limited understanding of the subject matter.	Did not address the question or provide any relevant information about the link between psychology and chronic illness.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Behavior, and psychological well-being	Provides detailed and insightful description of how the chronic illness has significantly impacted the person's behavior, and psychological well-being demonstrating a deep understanding of the topic.	Provides an adequate and effective description of how the chronic illness has significantly impacted the person's behavior, and psychological well-being demonstrating a good understanding of the topic.	Provides a basic or incomplete description of how the chronic illness has significantly impacted the person's behavior and psychological well-being. The response lacks depth and specificity and demonstrates a basic or limited understanding of the topic.	Did not address the question or provide any relevant information about the impact of chronic illness on behavior, and psychological well-being.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Psychology in treating and managing chronic illness	The response comprehensively discusses the crucial role that psychology plays in effectively treating	The response adequately discusses the crucial role that psychology plays in effectively treating and	The response briefly or vaguely discusses the crucial role that psychology plays in effectively treating and	Did not address the question or provide any relevant information about the role of psychology in treating and	

	and managing chronic illness. It explores numerous treatment and management options, providing a comprehensive and insightful analysis.	managing chronic illness. It explores adequate treatment and management options providing a well-structured and clear analysis.	managing chronic illness. It explores a few treatment and management options or completely ignores treatment and management options providing a limited analysis.	managing chronic illness.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Connection to course materials	Strong, direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resources/etc.) and are clearly stated.	Some direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resources/etc.) and are clearly stated for the most part.	Minimal direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resources/etc.) Connections are largely inferred and somewhat unclear at times.	No connections are made to readings or other course materials (readings/resources/etc.), and/or if made, are not clearly stated and are largely personal opinions.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Peer Feedback		Actively engaged in the discussion forums with at least two (2) postings of other students.	Actively engaged in the discussion forums with at least one (1) posting of other students.	No comments to peer posts.	
		3	2.4	0	3%
Replies	Replies show insight, depth, and understanding. They connect with the original post and add to that post by including references to supporting material (e.g., URLs, files). Personal opinion is appropriately expressed & and clearly related to the original post.	Replies are rather simple but show some insight, depth, or connection to the original post. Some material may be irrelevant, but personal opinion is appropriately expressed & and posts as a whole show understanding.	Simple replies that lack insight, and depth, or are superficial. Entries tend to be short and frequently irrelevant to the original post. Does not express opinion clearly. Shows little understanding.	No replies	
	2	1.6	0.1	0	2%

Clarity and Mechanics	Posting is polished and generally free of errors in mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence structure.	Posting is polished but may contain minor errors in mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence structure.	Posting is adequate but may contain some errors in mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence structure but errors do not interfere with understanding.	Posting has numerous errors in mechanics, usage, spelling, and sentence structure. Errors interfere with readability.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%