

Criteria	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 0	Weight
Health Psychology's Role	Provides an insightful summary that reflects a deep understanding of the role of health psychology in promoting health and preventing diseases.	Provides an adequate summary that reflects a good understanding of the role of health psychology in promoting health and preventing diseases.	Provides a cursory, unclear, or incomplete summary that reflects a basic or limited understanding of the role of health psychology in promoting health and preventing diseases.	Did not provide any response related to the role of health psychology or the response is entirely unrelated to the question posed.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Explanation of Biopsychosocial Model vs. Biomedical Model	Provides a strong and persuasive argument that demonstrates a deep understanding of how the biopsychosocial model offers a more comprehensive understanding compared to the biomedical model.	Provides an adequately reasoned argument that demonstrates a sufficient understanding of how the biopsychosocial model offers a more comprehensive understanding compared to the biomedical model.	Provides some reasoning that demonstrates a basic or inadequate understanding of how the biopsychosocial model offers a more comprehensive understanding compared to the biomedical model.	Does not explain the Biopsychosocial model or the response is entirely unrelated to the question posed.	
	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%
Factors contributing to the development or progression	Provides a specific, well-detailed, explanation of how biological, psychological, and social factors contribute to the development or progression of chosen illness or disease.	Provides a clear and adequate explanation of how biological, psychological, and social factors contribute to the development or progression of chosen illness or disease.	Provides cursory or vague explanation that lacks specificity or depth making it difficult to understand the connections between biological, psychological, and social factors in the development and progression of chosen illness or disease, and/ or	Does not explain the role of biological, psychological, and social factors in the progression or development of specific illnesses or the response is entirely unrelated to the question posed.	

			few of the factors were not discussed.		
	1	0.8	0.	0	1%
Connection to course materials	Strong, direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resource s/etc.) and are clearly stated.	Some direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resource s/ etc.) and are clearly stated for the most part.	Minimal direct connections are made to readings and/or other course materials (readings/resource s/etc.) Connections are largely inferred and somewhat unclear at times.	No connections are made to readings or other course materials (readings/resource s/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,	Posting is polished but may contain minor errors in mechanics, spelling, usage,	Posting is adequate but may contain some errors in mechanics, spelling, usage,	Posting has numerous errors in mechanics, usage, spelling, and sentence structure. Errors	

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	1	0.8	0.5	0	1%