**MSN-ST Collaboration Café**

**Guidelines and Grading Rubric**

# Purpose

Within the MSN Specialties Track, you will engage and dialog with classmates in a Collaboration Café discussion assignment. The Collaboration Café is an interactive assignment that encourages meaningful application of course concepts, discussion of nurse-practice issues, and student leadership to prompt continued conversations in order to facilitate achievement of course learning outcomes. In order for students to lead and facilitate discussion within the collaboration café, course instructors will take a less active role in daily posting, but will remain present to monitor the discussion for compliance and to offer clarification.

**Due Date:**

* For Collaboration Café Assignments that take place during **weeks 1 – 7**, the due date for the initial posting is Wednesday 11:59 pm MT; the due date for responsive postings is Sunday 11:59 pm MT of the week that corresponds with the assigned collaboration café.
* For Collaboration Café Assignments that take place during **week 8**, the due date for the initial posting is Wednesday 11:59 pm MT; the due date for responsive postings is Saturday 11:59 pm MT, at the end of week 8.
* Due to the interactive nature of this assignment, all Collaboration Café postings must occur within the week that they are assigned. **Late submissions are not permitted for grading.**

**Total Points Possible: 25 points**

# Assignment Overview

Like the weekly Threaded Discussion, the Collaboration Café opens on the Sunday preceding the start of a designated week and ends on Sunday at 11:59 pm MT at the end of the designated week (weeks 1-7), and by Saturday at 11:59 pm MT at the end of week 8.

In each Collaboration Café, students are expected to post a minimum of 2 postings, to include the following:

* Initial response
* Response to at least one peer on a separate day from the initial response

Dialogue must be substantive and collaborative in nature, addressing specific concepts and topics noted in the Collaboration Café question and prompting further discussion among peers.

Scholarly references are not required in the Collaboration Café discussions; however, if the student chooses to submit a reference, APA format must be followed. There may also be times when faculty will have you review a website or article. In cases like these, you must properly cite and reference according to APA to avoid plagiarism.

Faculty may submit any student’s post to Turnitin in order to verify originality of work. Plagiarism will result in a zero for the week. Uncivil comments toward peers or faculty, in any of the posts, will not be tolerated and will result in a zero for the week.

The **initial posting** must meet the following expectations:

* Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner.
* Demonstrates application of course concepts.
* Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice.
* Includes correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure.
* If sources are included, APA format for citation and referencing is correctly applied.

The **responsive posting** must meet the following expectations:

* Responds to at least one classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature.
* The response posting must occur on a different day from the initial posting.
* Responsive postings ask questions, offer new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion.
* Includes correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure.
* If sources are included, APA format for citation and referencing is correctly applied.

**Grading Criteria**

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| **Category** | **Points** | **%** | **Description** |
| **Quality of Initial Posting** | 12 | 50% | * Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner. * Demonstrates application of course concepts. * Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice. |
| **Quality of Responsive Posting** | 10 | 40% | * Responds to at least one classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature. * The response post asks questions, offers new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion. |
| **Graduate-level Writing Style** | 3 | 10% | * Postings reflect clarity, organization, and logical flow of ideas. * Postings convey a tone of professionalism and respect. * Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure is evident. * If sources are included, correct APA format for citation and referencing is applied. * No direct quotes are used in this assignment. |
| **Timeliness of Participation** | The following participation guidelines are expected:   * Initial posting in response to the Collaboration Café questions is posted by Wednesday 11:59 pm MT. * Minimum of one responsive post to a peer is posted by Sunday 11:59 pm MT (weeks 1-7); or by Saturday 11:59 pm MT (week 8). Responsive posts must be on a separate day from the initial post.   If either of the above requirements are not met, 5 points shall be deducted. | | |
| **Total** | **50** | **100**% | **A quality assignment will meet all of the above requirements.** |

**Grading Rubric**

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| **Assignment Criteria** | **Distinguished**  **(100%)** | **Exceeds**  **(92%)** | **Proficient**  **(84%)** | **Needs Improvement**  **(0)** |
| **Quality of Initial Posting** | **12** | **11** | **10** | **0** |
| Distinguished presentation of information evidenced by comprehensive content, fully meeting all of the following:   * Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner. * Demonstrates application of course concepts. * Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice. | Presentation of information exceeds expectations evidenced by most items fully met, but one item that is covered in a superficial manner**:**   * Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner. * Demonstrates application of course concepts. * Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice. | Proficient presentation of information evidenced by two items that are covered in a limited or superficial manner:   * Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner. * Demonstrates application of course concepts. * Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice. | Presentation of information needs improvement as evidenced by content that is missing or unsatisfactory in one or more areas:   * Addresses the collaboration café question in a thorough, substantive manner. * Demonstrates application of course concepts. * Discusses implications for advanced nursing practice. |
| **Quality of Responsive Postings** | **10** | **9** | **8** | **0** |
| Distinguished presentation of information evidenced by comprehensive content, fully meeting all of the following:   * Responds to 1 classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature. * The response post asks questions, offers new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion. | Presentation of information exceeds expectations evidenced by most items fully met, but one item that is covered in a superficial manner**:**   * Responds to 1 classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature. * The response post asks questions, offers new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion. | Proficient presentation of information evidenced by two items that are covered in a limited or superficial manner:   * Responds to 1 classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature. * The response post asks questions, offers new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion. | Presentation of information needs improvement as evidenced by content that is missing or unsatisfactory in one or more areas:   * Responds to 1 classmate with substantive dialogue that is collaborative in nature. * The response post asks questions, offers new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice in order to facilitate further discussion. |
| **Graduate-level Writing Style** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| There are no errors, meeting all requirements noted below:   * Postings reflect clarity, organization, and logical flow of ideas. * Postings convey a tone of professionalism and respect. * Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure is evident. * When sources are included, correct APA format for citation and referencing is applied. * No direct quotes are used in this assignment. | There are 1-2 errors in the requirements noted below:   * Postings reflect clarity, organization, and logical flow of ideas. * Postings convey a tone of professionalism and respect. * Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure is evident. * When sources are included, correct APA format for citation and referencing is applied. * No direct quotes are used in this assignment. | There are 3-4 errors in the requirements noted below:   * Postings reflect clarity, organization, and logical flow of ideas. * Postings convey a tone of professionalism and respect. * Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure is evident. * When sources are included, correct APA format for citation and referencing is applied. * No direct quotes are used in this assignment. | There are 5 or more errors in the requirements noted below:   * Postings reflect clarity, organization, and logical flow of ideas. * Postings convey a tone of professionalism and respect. * Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, syntax, sentence, and paragraph structure is evident. * When sources are included, correct APA format for citation and referencing is applied. * No direct quotes are used in this assignment. |
| **Timeliness of Participation** | **0 Points Deducted** |  | | **5 Points Deducted** |
| **The following guidelines are met:**   * Initial posting in response to the Collaboration Café question is posted by Wednesday 11:59 pm MT during the assigned week. * Minimum of one response post to peers are posted by Sunday 11:59 pm MT (weeks 1-7); or by Saturday 11:59 pm MT (week 8) at the end of the week. | **The assignment fails to meet one or more of the guidelines noted.** |