Discussion Board Posting: Week 6 Assignment

Discussion board is a mechanism to engage students’ critical thinking and dialogue on a specific topic or to a specific question. This is accomplished through an initial student posting and then follow-up responses by fellow students after reading the initial post.

Initial Posting: While informal in nature, this assignment will require use of assigned readings, and critical and creative thinking to obtain the best grades. Students need to incorporate outside research/literature to support their position on the topic (not just your text-book). All postings should be evidence-based and not just your personal opinion, and include at least two in-text citations other than your course text (please include a full reference citation at the end of the document). Initial posting is due by 12:00 Noon on Friday Week 6 and should be no more than 1 page (may utilize bullets, tables, graphs).

Week 6 Global Health Issue Discussion Board Assignment:

Each student will explore and discuss health issues impacting one developing third world country and compare to the United States. Students will sign up for the country selections via Global Health Issue WiKi sign-up under the “WiKi” tab. You will sign-up under the same group name you are assigned to for the clinical course. No two students within the same group can select the same developing country.

a) Provide a brief description of the developing country
b) Identify and prioritize the top 3 major health issues for your selected country (MUST use relevant and professional population health data resources)
c) Choose ONE of the top three health issues to investigate further and compare to the U.S.
d) Present at least one possible/realistic solution to improve the health issue (hint – look for this in the literature).

Submit the written summary (approximately 1-2 pages, APA format) of your investigation of the global health issue to your assigned group discussion board, and should have a least 2 cited references in addition to course textbook (include APA formatted in-text and full reference citations).

Students will read two (2) other student’s postings within their group and post a Discussion Board response by 12:00 Noon by Tuesday Week 7.

Response Posting: will include a critical analysis of the posting based on your understanding of the topic. For example: you may offer and support a different point of view or agree with their view. Either way you need to include in the response the following:

- Validate your colleague's posting with your own knowledge, then
- Expand on your colleague's posting by introducing a new point of view or following the same point of view: by adding new additional information,
logic or reasoning to the health issue and potential solution from the literature (don’t just summarize what they have written). Please include new information that is not from your assigned readings but from a professional source. Include citation and reference for this new information with your response post.

Again support your response with evidence from the literature (at least one in-text citation). Your response should be around 100-150 words or 2 paragraphs.

Feedback: Group feedback on the informal topic postings by the instructor/group facilitator will be provided within 48-72 business hours after the date that the assignment is due (after all response postings have been completed).

Discussion Board posting and response must be free of typographical, spelling and grammatical errors. No title page or abstract is required with any Discussion Board posting, but citation/references should follow APA format. A Discussion Board grade considering both the quality of the original posting and responses will be assigned as follows:

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- **Criteria one:** Students are expected to post a substantial written answer (at least 500 words) to the posted week’s question or topic. A substantial comment is one that has clear evidence of critical thinking, and uses concepts from the required reading and the literature (should have a least 2 cited references in addition to course textbook). (Substantial posting)

- **Criteria two:** For Discussion Board questions, students are expected to post responses to two (2) fellow students within the group that adds to the discussion or moves the discussion forward; i.e. they are relevant (at least 1 cited reference) and responsive to the student’s idea. These relevant postings must respond to or expand on the student’s ideas by bringing something new to the discussion from the literature. Comments like “I agree” or “Good thought” would not be considered ones that would move the discussion forward. However you may add these brief thoughts and they are appreciated. (Relevant postings)

- **Criteria three:** Students are expected to post substantial and relevant postings on-time each week. In order for students to be able to accomplish this, your original assignment posting must occur by Friday at 12:00 noon to allow response postings to occur by the following Tuesday at 12:00 noon. (Timely postings)