

# Discussion Topics

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The purpose of the discussion assignment is to foster extracurricular discussion about topics that have an impact on each student's internship experience. It is my hope that you will share with others your thoughts about any issues or personal observations. For you to get the most out of the assignment, you should log in and read posts even after you have posted.

Three discussion topics will be presented in Bb Learn over the course of the semester. Post your answer and respond to at least two posts from your classmates to receive full points.

## **Directions**

1. Write a minimum of one paragraph in response to each discussion topic. While I am not going to count the words in each post, I would suggest that you post more than 150 words.
2. For each discussion topic, comment on at least two other student's discussion responses. Comments must be a minimum of two sentences.
3. Each post must be substantive in nature and show critical thinking (agreeing or disagreeing with some else without further discussion does not count).
4. Posts must be well-written. I can't award points if I don't understand what you are trying to say. Please proofread your posts before submitting. I recommend typing your post in Word or a similar format, proofread it, and use spell-check. Then copy it into the discussion.

### **Some examples of possible discussion topics:**

- What duties and responsibilities of your position are you struggling with? How are you adjusting to improve in these areas?
- How have you been successful in your position? Where might you need improvement?
- How do you get along with your supervisor and co-workers? What would you continue to do the same? What would you do differently?
- How have you exercised your conflict resolution skills in guest situations? Describe your experience and what you did to resolve the situation.
- From an employee perspective, what incentives does/could your supervisor provide you and your co-workers for a job well done?
- From a manager's perspective, how could you show appreciation to your employees? What incentives would you provide if you did not have limitation on your budget?
- What good management decisions have you observed during your internship? Why were the decisions good? What poor management decisions have you observed during your internship? Why were the decisions bad?

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- Do you think that you are gaining experience in human relations and in cooperation with others to attain a mutual objective? Explain how or why not?
- As a result of your experience, has your career objective changed in any way?

**NOTES:** Points will not be based on the nature of your opinion. Points will be deducted for content if the content is not original or sufficient. Of course points will be lost if there is any academic dishonesty involved.