The discussion assignment provides a forum for discussing relevant topics for this week based on the course competencies covered.

To support your work, use your course and text readings and also use outside sources. As in all assignments, cite your sources in your work and provide references for the citations in APA format.

Start reviewing and responding to the postings of your classmates as early in the week as possible. Respond to at least two of your classmates. Participate in the discussion by asking a question, providing a statement of clarification, providing a point of view with a rationale, challenging an aspect of the discussion, or indicating a relationship between two or more lines of reasoning in the discussion. Complete your participation for this assignment by **Sunday, January 22, 2017**.

Leadership Styles

In this assignment, you will study the characteristics of leaders that define their leadership style.

Using the South University Online Library or the Internet, research about the following:

* Different leaders who you consider effective
* Effective leaders in the health industry
* Leadership challenges in the health industry
* Leadership styles

Based on your research and understanding, complete the following tasks:

* Identify five leaders of today, one of each of the following styles:
  + Charismatic
  + Transformational
  + Visionary
  + Transactional
  + Servant
* For each chosen leader:
  + List and describe the characteristics that made you select them.
  + Identify and define the contemporary leadership style they employ.
  + List and explain the major characteristics of the contemporary leadership style. Explain with examples.
  + Explain if this style is effective or ineffective for the leaders you've chosen.
  + Define emotional intelligence including the five components of emotional intelligence, its relationship to successful leadership, and whether your selected leaders have it or lack it.
  + Explain each leader's situational leadership capabilities. Give an example where they demonstrated their situational leadership capabilities.
  + Select one of your chosen leaders to be your manager, and explain why you chose that leader.

Suppose you are a leader in a healthcare industry, which is facing fast and immediate change. Which of the contemporary leadership styles do you believe are best suited to healthcare leaders to manage that change? Why? Explain using concepts and theories learned in the week.