Week 2: **NI Functional Areas, Competencies, and Supporting Sciences**

The American Nurses Association described 13 functional areas in Nursing Informatics: Scope and Standards of Practice in its efforts to clarify what informatics nurse specialists do and to help eliminate historical confusion associated with the variety of different titles under which informatics nurse specialists work. Now that you have had the opportunity to review this week's lesson and the Nursing Informatics: Scope and Standards of Practice document please discuss each of the following:

How do the functional areas outlined by the American Nurses Association compare and contrast with your initial thoughts of what nursing informatics practice entailed?

Which functional area(s) best match your aspirations for nursing informatics practice and why?

How did your self-ranking reflect those functional areas, and what if anything, do you need to do or learn more about to work in those functional areas?