**Final Paper Grading Rubric**

**Instructions:** Each student will select a research or evidence based practice topic applicable to nursing practice as the focus of this assignment. The research or evidence based practice topic will be described, analyzed, and applied to nursing practice.

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| **Criteria** | **Exemplary** | **Competent** | **Unsatisfactory** |
| Appropriate level of communication | Language is appropriate.  All important concepts are concisely and clearly defined.  (5 points) | Language is occasionally not at the audience’s level.  Most important concepts are concisely and clearly defined  (4 points) | Language is inappropriate.  Definitions of important concepts are unclear or wordy.  (3 points) |
| Appropriate selection of 10-15 articles | 10-15 articles published in the last 5 years are included.  All articles are relevant to the topic.  (5 points) | 10-15 articles published in the last 5 years are included.  The connection between some of the articles is unclear.  (4 points) | 10-15 articles published in the last 5 years are included.  The connection between the articles and the purpose is missing.  (3 points) |
| Appropriate Submission | Paper submitted on time and within specified 12-15 page limits  (5 points) | Paper submitted 24 hours late or outside specified page limits  (4 points) | Paper submitted beyond specified date and no page limits were followed  (3 points) |
| Suggestions and Comments | Student addressed all comments and suggestions on previous drafts  (5 points) | Student addressed most of the comments and suggestions on previous drafts  (4 points) | There is little to no evidence that the student addressed comments and suggestions on previous drafts  (3 points) |
| Title Page | All required information is included without extraneous information  (5 points) | All required information is included but has some extraneous information  (4 points) | Some required information is included with extraneous information  (3 points) |
| Abstract | An accurate and concise description of the paper is provided  (5 points) | The abstract is a description of the paper but sometimes unclear and wordy  (4 points) | The abstract is not a good reflection of the paper and is excessively wordy  (3 points) |
| Introduction and Background | Background information is engaging, relevance to nursing is articulated, research question is clear and concise, discussion points are clearly identified  (10 points) | Background information is not engaging, relevance to nursing is not articulated, research question(s) are ambiguous  (8 points) | Background information is not clearly articulated, relevance to nursing is unclear, research question(s) are unidentifiable  (7 points) |

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| Methods | Concise details are provided about article selection, including search engines, search terms, and inclusion-exclusion criteria  (10 points) | Details about article selection are occasionally unclear or wordy. Number and type of articles included could be more clearly stated.  (8 points) | Details about article selection are lacking or wordy. Number and type of articles are not included  (7 points) |
| Results | Thorough comparison and contrast of findings are provided and relate to the main discussion pints in the order of their appearance in the purpose statement  (10 points) | Comparison and contrast of findings are provided but lack thoroughness.  (8 points) | Comparison and contrast of findings are lacking. Discussion of findings does not relate well to the main discussion points in the purpose statement.  (7 points) |
| Discussion | Discussion follows a logical progression from most important finding to least important finding  (10 points) | Discussion has a progression but is not identifiable  (8 points) | Discussion lacks sophistication and does not include all relevant issues.  (7 points) |
| Implications for Nursing Practice | Implications for nursing practice are thoroughly discussed, logical relevant, and clear  (5 points) | Implications for nursing are discussed but lack insight, logic, relevance or clarity  (4 points) | Implications for nursing lack sophistication or are absent, illogical, irrelevant or unclear  (3 points) |
| Conclusion | A summary of the main points is clearly articulated.  (5 points) | A summary of the main points is presented, but clarity could be enhanced  (4 points) | A summary of the main points is not clearly presented.  (3 points) |
| Anthropomorphism | Anthropomorphism is avoided throughout the paper.  (5 points) | Anthropomorphism is seen occasionally  (4 points) | Anthropomorphism is prevalent throughout the paper  (3 points) |
| APA Format | Proper formatting is used throughout the paper  (5 points) | A few minor formatting errors are noted  (4 points) | Multiple formatting errors are noted  (3 points) |
| Citations | Citations are formatted correctly throughout the paper  (5 points) | A few minor formatting errors are noted throughout the paper  (4 points) | Multiple formatting errors are noted throughout the paper.  (3 points) |
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| **Total Points =** | | **Overall Comments:** | |