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SCHOLARLY WRITING EVALUATION RUBRIC

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Criteria	4 points	3 points	2 points	0 – 1 point
Relevance	The selected	The selected	Marginally addresses	Off-topic or vague
	<i>Essential</i> is clearly	<i>Essential</i> is stated	selected	interpretation or
Does the writing	detailed with	with some	Essential and lacks	integration of
effectively	insightful	integration of	integrating the	selected
distinguish the	interpretations of	<i>Essential</i> to support	<i>Essential</i> to support	<i>Essential</i> to support
selected Essential to	<i>Essential</i> to support	pursuing graduate	pursuing graduate	graduate education.
the student's pursuit	pursuing graduate	education.	education.	
of Graduate	education.			
Education?				
Content clarity	Content offers	Content offers	Content is weak and	Content is off-topic,
Content danty	significant and	detailed examples of	writer needs more	vague, generic. No
Does the writing	specific information	selected <i>Essential</i>	focus on selected	clear examples of
communicate the	about the selected	but does not clearly	Essential. Limited	Essential to future
selected Essential to	Essential with	connect selected	examples of	education
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future practice?	detailed examples	Essential to future	Essential to future	preparation
	connecting the	practice as a	practice DNP/MSN	
	<i>Essential</i> to future	DNP/MSN educated	educated nurse.	
	practice as a	nurse.		
	DNP/MSN educated			
	nurse.			
Individuality:	Writing has a clear	Writing is logical but	Writing offers some	Writing leaves a
	voice integrating RN	lacks integrating RN	details of RN	generic impression
Does the writing	experience,	experience,	experience, but does	lacking information.
effectively	activities, and	activities, and	not leave an	Examples are dull,
distinguish the	background to	background with	impression of	vague, or lacking
author from other	pursuing graduate	pursuing of graduate	originality and	
applicants?	education. Reveals	education. Reveals	personality.	
	originality/insights/	some originality and	,	
	personality.	personality.		
	personanty.	personanty.		
Writing Style	Concise and well-	Writing somewhat	Writing style is vague	. Writing style is
Witting Style	organized writing.	organized and	and disconnected	disorganized. No
	Introduction has a	concise. Introduction	Introduction lacks	introduction
	clear statement	statement	statement or is	statement
	addressing the topic.	moderately	vague about the	addressing topic
	Body paragraphs	addresses the topic.	topic. Body	Body paragraphs lack
	have topic sentences	Body paragraphs are	paragraphs lack	coherence, direction,
	that are logical and	imbalanced and	coherence, direction,	and topic sentences
	fully developed.	need more	topic sentences.	
		development		
Mechanics of	Writing represents	Minor grammatical	Multiple	Excessive
Writing	solid command of	errors that do not	grammatical errors;	grammatical and
	grammar, spelling,	distract from overall	overall flow of paper	spelling errors.
	and with logical	fluency of paper.	remains intact. Little	Overall poor use of
	progression and	Evidence of some	evidence of	writing mechanics
	fluency. Evidence of	proofreading.	proofreading.	
	proofreading	. 3	. 3	
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