

Journal Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Needs Work	Unsatisfactory
Content	Includes all required topics and all are covered thoroughly and in a relevant way. Entry includes several key insights. 8	Includes all required topics and most are covered in a thorough and relevant way. Entry includes some key insights. 6	Includes some of the required topics and they are usually covered in a thorough and relevant way. 4	The required topics are not included and information present is not developed thoroughly. 2
Goal	Goal meets all smart goal criteria (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely). 8	Goal meets most of the smart goal criteria. 6	Goal is present but could be strengthened. It meets some of the criteria for smart goal criteria. 4	Plan is insufficient. Key measurable activities are not defined and/or goal meets two or fewer of the smart goal criteria. 2
References	Three or more references are used. References are from legitimate sources and used within the entry to support ideas. 4	Two or more references are used. References are from legitimate sources but not used adequately in entry to support ideas. 3	One reference is used or references are not from legitimate sources. References may be used in entry to support ideas. 2	References to the course content are not included OR references are not from legitimate sources. References are not used in entry to support ideas. 1
Mechanics	Ideas are logical and clearly connected to each other. The reader can understand the content. The entry is free of all grammar and spelling errors. The entry is the length specified in the assignment. 4	Ideas are logical and usually clearly connected to each other. The reader can mostly understand the content. The entry may contain some grammar and spelling errors, but they do not distract from the content. 3	Ideas are sometimes hard to understand and are not always connected to other ideas. The entry may contain many grammar and spelling errors that distract from the content. 2	Ideas are not logically organized or connected to other ideas. The entry is filled with grammar and spelling errors. The paper has fewer words than specified in the assignment. 1