

Rubric for Article Critiques – 15%

The journal article critique assignments will enhance the graduate student's ability to critically read and analyze published research. The student will select an article from a refereed or scholarly journal, identify the major components of the article, and assess whether or not the authors have clearly described and supported each element.

I. Statement of the Problem

Student identifies clearly and thoroughly:

- a. Research topic
- b. Research problem
- c. Research question(s) or hypotheses

0% = None of these are identified clearly or thoroughly

1-2% = One or more areas are not identified clearly or thoroughly

4% = Each area is clearly and thoroughly identified

II. Review of the Literature

0 % = No analysis is done of the literature presented

1-3% = Student clearly identifies how the literature justifies the problem and leads to the research question(s)

III. Methods

0% = Not able to correctly identify the sections in the method and whether the study is quantitative or qualitative study

1-4% = Student clearly identifies each section and comments on potential strengths/weaknesses of the sections and whether they are appropriate to quantitative methods

IV. Results and Discussion/Conclusions

0% = Not able to correctly identify sections or explain whether results and discussion are accurate and justifiable.

1-4% = Student is able to correctly identify sections and explain how results and conclusions are accurate and justifiable