

Mars Hill University
Judge-McRae School of Nursing
Essay Rubric

| Student Name: | | | | | | |
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| | Below Average 1 | Fair 2 | Average 3 | Above Average 4 | Exemplary 5 | Score |
| Organization | Organization of content or idea is poor or absent. There is no logical flow and difficult to follow the idea/ topic. | Organization of essay is difficult to follow due to inadequate transitions and/ or rambling format. | The essay flows logically and can be easily followed with rare exception. A combination of the following is apparent: a basic transition between paragraphs and structured format is used. | The essay flows logically and can be easily followed. A combination of the following is apparent: Improved transitions between paragraphs, structured and organized format is used. | The essay flows logically and can be easily followed. A combination of the following is apparent: an effective transition between paragraphs and a professional format is used. | |
| Mechanics and Grammar | Sentences and paragraphs are difficult to read and understand due to poor grammar or mechanics (>6 per page). | The essay contains numerous grammatical and mechanical errors (4-6 per page). | The essay contains minimal grammatical or mechanical errors (2-3 per page). | The essay is clear, and contains very few grammatical or mechanical errors (1 or less per page). | The essay is clear, concise, and contains no grammatical or mechanical errors. | |
| Completeness | Did not address the topic. | Addressed the topic, but provided no supporting examples or details. | Addressed the topic, but provided few supporting examples or details. | Addressed the topic, providing several supporting examples or details. | Addressed the entire topic completely with supportive details and examples. | |
| Final Score | | | | | | |