

HCM 440 Module Three Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

This week we have analyzed research problems, questions, and variables. This short paper is your opportunity to apply these concepts to the research area that you are interested in.

Prompt: What problem will you be addressing in your integrated review? What is the scope and significance of the problem? Identify the guiding research question. What are the variables being studied, and how are you defining them?

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be submitted as a two- to three-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least three sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Problem: Overview,	Meets "Proficient" criteria, is	Explains and supports the	Does not sufficiently explain	The overview of the problem,	30
Scope, and	clear, and uses relevant and	research problem as well as the	and support the research	scope, and/or significance are	
Significance	specific examples	scope and significance	problem, scope, and/or	not evident	
			significance		
Guiding Questions	Meets "Proficient" criteria, is	Identifies the research question,	Research question does not	The research question is not	10
	clear, and provides detail on the	and there is a logical connection	logically flow from the stated	evident	
	link with stated problem	to the stated problem	problem		
Variables and	Meets "Proficient" criteria and	Identifies the independent and	Does not sufficiently identify	The variables and/or definitions	30
Definitions	uses substantial details and	dependent variables and	the variables, or definitions are	are not evident	
	evidence to support definitions	provides clear definitions to	unclear		
	of variables	support them			
Organization	Applies highly effective pattern	Applies clear pattern of	Does not sufficiently apply clear	Organization of ideas is not	20
	of organization around a logical	organization around a logical	pattern of organization around	evident	
	flow (introduction, body, and	flow (introduction, body, and	a logical flow (introduction,		
	conclusion) to effectively	conclusion) to effectively	body, and conclusion) to		
	communicate the research	communicate the research	effectively communicate the		
	problem, question, and	problem, question, and	research problem, question,		
	variables	variables	and variables		



Articulation of	Submission is free of errors	Submission has no major errors	Submission has major errors	Submission has critical errors	10
Response	related to citations, grammar,	related to citations, grammar,	related to citations, grammar,	related to citations, grammar,	
	spelling, and syntax and is	spelling, or syntax	spelling, or syntax that	spelling, or syntax that prevent	
	presented in a professional and		negatively impact readability	understanding of ideas	
	easy-to-read format		and articulation of main ideas		
Earned Total					