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# Final Project Guidelines and Rubric

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## PSY 442 Final Project Guidelines and Rubric

### Overview

The final project for this course is the creation of a professional blueprint for your work in the field of community psychology (CP). The blueprint provides a foundation and framework for professional growth in a body of knowledge and practice that is evolving and changing. The blueprint combines your professional goals, insights, beliefs, and practices. This framework will help guide your work in fostering strong communities.

The project is divided into two milestones that scaffold learning and ensure quality final submissions. These milestones will be submitted in **submission is in Module Seven.**

This project will assess your mastery with respect to the following course outcomes:

- Evaluate the central concepts of community psychology to determine the relevant and applied nature of the concepts to professional practice
- Illustrate the connections between social issues and community support systems with the creation of policies and interventions for improvement
- Engage in research to promote theories for social change that are applicable and beneficial to the community
- Apply the concepts of community psychology to real-world scenarios based on an analysis

### Prompt

The professional blueprint is a structured paper that includes a number of specific elements that link your expanding knowledge of CP with your professional goals. You should synthesize the lectures, assigned resources, annotated bibliography articles, and additional resources into a framework for your project.

**Note:** You will be creating an annotated bibliography throughout the course modules. The work you do in each of the modules should direct you to the resources that you collect in your annotated bibliography to inform your project.

Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

#### 1. **Goals**

Write a brief, one-page statement explaining your professional goals and career interests, particularly as they relate to CP.

#### 2. **Overview**

Write a two-page response to the following questions:

- a. What is CP?
- b. How did it start?
- c. Are the conditions that gave rise to it still present?

#### 3. **Application**

Write a two-page response to the following questions:

- a. What conditions or issues in CP are most pertinent to your professional goals and career interests?
- b. How will CP add to your understanding of how to respond to these conditions or issues?

#### 4. **The Future of CP**

Write a two-page response that explains your vision for the future of CP. Include specific examples to illustrate key points.

#### 5. **Key Concepts**

Write a two-page response that identifies and analyzes at least five key concepts in CP. Reference course resources, articles, and professional literature.

#### 6. **Stakeholder Perceptions**

Write a two-page response to the following questions:

- a. Are the concepts identified readily agreed upon or contentious?
- b. How are the concepts understood by different stakeholder groups (police, educators, business owners, taxpayers, and so on) in your community? Provide evidence to support your position.

#### 7. **Systems View**

Write a two-page response to the following questions:

- a. As a systems thinker, how do various agencies and their goals interact in the community? Pick two agencies and demonstrate how they interact in your community.
- b. Does your community have any interagency associations that coordinate planning and social change efforts? For example, does your community have a United Way? (These efforts may deal with prevention, crisis response, building community resilience, and so on.)

#### 8. **Your Role in the System**

Write a two-page response to the following questions:

- a. In your current role, what system are you part of?
- b. What specific ideas and issues drive that system? (Example: the benefits of elder day-care services or of youth diversion courts.)
- c. As part of the system, how do these issues impact you? Note: If you are not currently working in this field, answer based on your knowledge of the system.

#### 9. **Topic of Interest**

Write a two-page response to a question of your choice that highlights your professional and career interests—a particular idea, concept, or issue.

## Milestones

Milestone One: Goals, Overview, and Application

In **task 3-3**, you will submit the initial draft of the Goals, Overview, and Application elements of the final project. This milestone is graded with a pass/fail rubric.

Milestone Two: Concepts in Community Psychology

In **task 5-3**, you will submit an initial draft of the Concepts in Community Psychology elements of the final project. This milestone is graded with a pass/fail rubric.

Final Product: Professional Blueprint

In **task 7-3**, you will submit the professional blueprint. It should be a complete, polished artifact containing **all** of the critical elements of the final project. This milestone will be graded using the Final Product Rubric.

## What to Submit

Written components of projects must follow these formatting guidelines: double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margin approximately 16 pages in length, not including cover page and resources.

## Final Project Rubric

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Exemplary (100%)</b>	<b>Proficient (85%)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (55%)</b>
<b>Goals</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and includes specific, relevant examples that illustrate how the goals relate to CP	Clearly states professional goals and connects them to the field of CP	States professional goals, but response is insufficient or does not connect goals to the field of CP
<b>Overview</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides specific, relevant details that support the response	Provides complete and accurate overview information, addressing all question prompts	Addresses some of the overview question prompts but response is incomplete or contains inaccuracies
<b>Application</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides specific, relevant examples that support the response	Adequately explains how CP applies to the issues and challenges faced in the professional environment	Provides a limited explanation of how CP applies to the student’s professional experience, but response lacks depth and support
<b>The Future of CP</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and presents a creative or unique vision of the future	Articulates a clear vision for the future of CP that is supported with examples	Articulates a vision for the future of CP, but response is incomplete, unclear, or unsupported with examples
<b>Key Concepts</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides insightful, well-constructed analysis of concepts	Effectively identifies and analyzes five key concepts of CP	Identifies key concepts in CP, but response lacks detail or is missing key elements
<b>Stakeholder Perceptions</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides multiple examples to illustrate the viewpoints of different stakeholders	Adequately answers all question prompts about stakeholder perceptions, providing several examples to support response	Addresses question prompts, but response does not include supporting examples or sufficient detail
<b>Systems View</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides detailed, relevant examples that illustrate systems theory	Effectively discusses system theory and applies the concepts to interactions between different agencies in the community	Discusses system theory but does not adequately apply the concepts to interactions between different agencies in the community
<b>Your Role in the System</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria and provides multiple, relevant examples to support the response	Adequately answers all question prompts for this element, providing details to support the response	Addresses question prompts for this element, but the response is incomplete or lacks sufficient detail

<b>Topic of Interest</b>	Meets “proficient” criteria, and the response demonstrates robust scholarly research	Identifies and effectively addresses a relevant topic of professional interest	Identifies a topic of interest but does not address the topic in sufficient detail
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas

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