

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION RUBRIC

Learning Objective to be Assessed	1	2	3	4	5	Score (1,2,3,4 or 5)
	Weak		Average		Very Good	
1.	No introduction.		Unclear introduction, lacking key background information		A clear and coherent introduction that addresses key background issues effectively.	
2.	Discipline-specific concepts & issues are not appropriately identified.		Although key discipline-specific concepts & issues are appropriately addressed, subordinate concepts & issues are now!		All key and subordinate discipline-specific concepts & issues addressed.	
3.	Arguments are inconsistent and incomplete.		Most arguments are consistent and complete.		Arguments are consistent and complete.	
4.	Arguments are poorly organized & difficult to follow.		Most arguments are well organized and flow smoothly.		All arguments are well organized & flow smoothly.	
5.	Very weak connections between analysis & conclusions.		Reasonable connections between analysis & conclusions; minor inconsistencies.		Clear and powerful connections between analysis & conclusion; no inconsistencies.	
6.	Numerous spelling errors; inappropriate grammar, syntax, & diction.		Few spelling errors, generally appropriate grammar, syntax, dictation & paragraphing.		Essentially flawless writing.	
7.	Absence of current relevant & authoritative sources drawn from professional literature.		Several Current, relevant and authoritative sources drawn from professional literature.		Uses multiple research sources & makes effective use of current & reliable information; sources are authoritative or come from the professional literature; includes current relevant sources.	
8.	References are inconsistent or missing.		Generally includes appropriate citations within the document & lists references at the end of the document; references generally usable but may not contain the full bibliographic information; citations & references are generally consistent throughout the document.		Includes appropriate citations within the document & lists references that include full bibliographic information for each citation in the document; citations & references are consistent throughout the document.	