

**QSO 500 Module Eight Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric**

**Overview:** For this short paper assignment, you will be analyzing ethical issues present in the provided cases. This assignment will assist you in developing your final project, due in Module Nine.

**Prompt:** Read the following two cases: [Ethical Issues in Using the Internet in Research—1](#) and [Ethical Issues in Using the Internet in Research—2](#). Address the following:

- Identify three ethical issues that might arise in the conduct of the research present in the cases. For each, explain why it is an ethical issue and how it may pose a challenge in conducting the research.
- Select one of the issues you identified and describe how you would address this issue to comply with both legal and professional standards of practice.

**Rubric**

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your short paper must be submitted as a 2- to 3-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	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Ethical Issues</b>	Identifies ethical issues present in the cases and explains what makes each an ethical issue	Identifies ethical issues but does not explain what makes each an ethical issue	Does not identify the ethical issues present in the cases	20
<b>Challenge</b>	Explains how each ethical issue may pose a challenge in conducting research	Explains how each ethical issue may pose a challenge in conducting research, but is missing key points	Does not explain how each ethical issue may pose a challenge in conducting research	35
<b>Compliance</b>	Describes how one of the ethical issues identified could be addressed to comply with legal and professional standards of practice	Describes how one of the ethical issues identified could be addressed to comply with legal and professional standards of practice but is missing key considerations	Does not describe how one of the ethical issues identified could be addressed to comply with legal and professional standards of practice	35
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	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	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Total</b>				<b>100%</b>