

HCM 340 Milestone One Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: The focus of this module was on quality care. For your final project, you will research a gap in access to quality, equity, or efficiency of healthcare, (including existing initiatives in place to address the gap and economic and regulatory factors that are currently in place to address the gap). To begin this project, you must first conduct some background research into the gap and the impacted population.

Prompt: After reviewing the Final Project Guidelines and Rubric document, select a healthcare delivery process gap and population affected from the list below. This will be the base of your final project, the healthcare delivery systems research paper.

- Option One: A gap in **quality** related to **care coordination** for **individuals with chronic illnesses**
- Option Two: A gap in **equity** related to **mental health access** for **veterans**
- Option Three: A gap in **efficiency** related to **rising cost of pharmaceuticals** for **the aging population**

In your paper, you will explain why the chosen topic is a gap in healthcare and analyze the specific population impacted by the issue. Specifically, you should address the following:

- Describe a specific **gap** in the delivery of healthcare. Include the specific population affected by the gap.
- Briefly describe the **history** of this gap in access to healthcare. Has this been an issue historically, or is it a modern issue?
- Explain the impact that the **socioeconomic background** of the population has on their access to healthcare.
- Describe how the healthcare delivered to the population is **affected** by the gap in access.
- Predict any potential **implications** if this gap in access is not addressed.

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Your 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
Introduction: Gap	Describes a specific gap in the delivery of healthcare, including the specific population affected by the gap	Describes a specific gap in the delivery of healthcare, including the specific population affected by the gap, but the description is cursory or contains inaccuracies	Does not describe a specific gap in the delivery of healthcare to a specific population	18
Introduction: History	Briefly describes the history of this gap in access to healthcare	Describes the history of this gap in access to healthcare, but description is verbose or contains inaccuracies	Does not describe the history of this gap in access to healthcare	18

Introduction: Socioeconomic Background	Explains the impact socioeconomic background has on a population's access to healthcare	Explains the impact socioeconomic background has on a population's access to healthcare, but explanation is cursory or illogical	Does not explain the socioeconomic background has on a population's access to healthcare	18
Introduction: Affect	Describes how the healthcare delivered to the population is affected by the gap in access	Describes how the healthcare delivered to the population is affected by the gap in access, but description cursory or contains inaccuracies	Does not describe how the healthcare delivered to the population is affected by the gap in access	18
Introduction: Implications	Predicts any potential implications if the gap in access is not addressed	Predicts any potential implications if the gap in access is not addressed, but predictions are unrealistic or unrelated	Does not predict any potential implications if the gap in access is not addressed	18
Articulation of Response	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
Total				100%