



IHP 525 Journal Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: The journal activities in this course are an ongoing, private conversation between you and the instructor. In each journal assignment, you will draft responses to sections of **Final Project Part I: Article Review**. While a certain level of informality is permitted, proper grammar, spelling, and APA citations are required. Your journal posts should reflect academic rigor.

A course journal is generally made up of many individual assignments. In this course, each assignment will be graded individually, but they will all be polished and used to create **one final document to be submitted in Module Eight as your Final Project Part I: Article Review**.

Prompt: For each journal assignment, the following critical elements must be met:

- Fulfill all requirements in the individual **prompt**.
- Provide relevant application of **course concepts**.
- Support ideas and observations with examples from your own **personal or professional situation**.

Guidelines for Submission: Each journal assignment should be 1 to 2 paragraphs in length. Submit assignment as a Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Prompt	Meets "Proficient" criteria and references course materials	Meets all elements outlined in the prompt	Meets only some of the elements in the prompt	Does not meet the elements in the prompt	40
Course Concepts	Meets "Proficient" criteria and supports response with course materials	Clearly relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	Relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt, but response lacks clarity	Does not relate course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	30
Personal or Professional Situation	Meets "Proficient" criteria and further relates personal or professional circumstances to scholarly research	Logically supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences	Supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences, but response lacks logic	Does not support ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences	25
Articulation of Response	Journal is free of errors in organization and grammar and all sources correctly cited using APA	Journal is mostly free of errors of organization and grammar, which are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow, and most sources are correctly cited using APA	Journal contains errors of organization and grammar, but they are limited enough so that submission can be understood and APA usage is consistently incorrect	Journal contains errors of organization and grammar making the journal difficult to understand and does not use APA	5
Total					100%