**Appendix B**

**Assignment 2: Research Synthesis Paper Grading Rubric**

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| **Section** | **Description of the Content** | **Points** |
| **Title Page** | Follow APA format for title page with running head. This will be 1 page on its own page, include running head (abbreviated title), study title, name, course name and number. | 5 |
| **Abstract** | The abstract will be <250 words on its own page and should include 1-2 sentences with these headings: Purpose, Methods, Results, and Discussion sections of the paper. Do not include references/in text citations in the abstract. | 5 |
| **Introduction** | Introduce the topic & explain its importance to nursing. This section should include in-text citations to support your topic. End the paragraph with a statement explaining the purpose of your synthesis paper. (1 paragraph) | 5 |
| **Methodology:**  **Search Strategy** | Explain the search technique used to obtain your 5 articles. Include keywords, and databases used; and any filters or exclusions used (studies only from peer reviewed journals) etc. Remember any type of “review” should be excluded. (1 paragraph) | 5 |
| **Methodology:**  **Literature Review Table** | Create a table to summarize the research study in each of the 5 articles. Use the provided Table 1 template. Include Table 1 at the end of the paper as Appendix A. Use APA format. | 20 |
| **Results:**  **Synthesis of**  **Findings** | Start this section with this type of statement: An overview of the five selected studies is provided in Table 1. Do not describe each individual article. Describe any similar /consistent themes or findings between the studies. Provide an overview of any differences or refuting evidence between the studies. As a whole, what does this body of literature (these 5 studies) mean? Support the synthesis findings with the use of multiple in text citations. (4 paragraphs) | 20 |
| **Results:**  **Best Supporting Evidence** | Identify the article that best supports the nursing research process or evidence-based practice process for your topic. Provide a rationale for your decision. Use the course resources (Ex: Textbook, Sherpath, Lecture) to justify your rationale. Rationale should also include support data from the literature review table/template (2 paragraphs) | 15 |
| **Discussion** | Explain how the **synthesis of findings** can be applied to **evidence-based nursing practice**. What suggestions do you have for this? What changes or improvements can be made to promote better patient outcomes and/or more cost-effective care? Be specific. (3 paragraphs) | 15 |
| **Conclusion** | Based on your analysis, what **future research** regarding your topic would you recommend? Are there unanswered questions or opportunities for future research? Provide a rationale to support your recommendations. (1 paragraph) | 10 |
| **References** | Include all references cited in the text using APA format 6th edition. The APA book should be used to format references. | -1 for each error |
| **Format and APA** | Use APA 6th edition format for all sections of the paper including margins, font, spacing, leveled headings, title page, abstract, in text citations, table, and references. This includes full and correct citation of sources. No more than 3 direct quotes should be used for the paper and table with no more than 1 blocked quote [**5** points deducted for any additional direct/block quotes]. **Exceptions to APA:** The article may be written in 1st person if desired. The table template (including font size etc.) may be used rather than APA table format and it should be attached to the end of the paper in landscape form. 10 points will be subtracted from the paper total for each day the paper is late. Students may submit the paper early. | -1 for each error |
|  | **Total** | **100** |