

### NUR 315 Case Study Guidelines and Rubric

Critical thinking is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion. Case studies are meant to connect real-world scenarios with theoretical teachings. You are expected to test assumptions and find creative ways to consider all the facets contributing to analysis of the case.

**Prompt:**

For each case study, be sure to:

- Introduce main elements and concerns and identify the pathology.
- Use the associated questions to guide your paper and explain the pathology in the development of a plan of care.
- Explain the role patient-care technologies (i.e., point of care testing, computer provider order entry, bar-coding medication administration, EMR/EHR) in caring for the individual(s).
- Apply critical thinking in analyzing and interpreting the data.
- Include evidence to support your analysis of the case.
- Write clearly and concisely, following standard rules of grammar.

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your paper must be submitted as at least a 2-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least two peer-reviewed sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Pathology: Introduction and Identification</b>	Meets “Proficient” criteria and uses industry-specific language and is exceptionally clear and well-informed	Introduces the reader to specific themes and main elements of the assigned case study without any gaps and precisely identifies specific pathology	Introduces the reader to specific themes and main elements of the assigned case study and identifies the pathology, but with gaps in information presented	Does not accurately introduce the reader to specific themes and main elements of the assigned case study and does not identify the pathology	15
<b>Pathology: Explanation and Plan of Care</b>	Meets “Proficient” criteria and uses industry-specific language to establish expertise	Comprehensively explains the pathological condition in the development of plan of care for the individual in the assigned case study without any gaps	Explains the pathological condition in the development of plan of care for the individual in the assigned case study, but with gaps	Does not explain the pathological condition in the development of plan of care for the individual in the assigned case study	20
<b>Response to Questions</b>	Meets “Proficient” criteria and seamlessly incorporates these responses into the submission	Thoroughly addresses all prompts from the case study and comprehensively explores issues, ideas, and concerns	Adequately addresses most prompts included in the case study, but does not explore issues, ideas, or concerns	Addresses less than half of the prompts from the case study	25

<b>Patient-Care Technologies</b>	Meets “Proficient” criteria, and explanation is exceptionally clear and well-informed	Accurately explains the role of patient-care technologies (as appropriate) in caring for individuals identified in the assigned case study without any gaps	Accurately explains the role of patient-care technologies (as appropriate) in caring for individuals identified in the assigned case study, but with gaps in information given	Does not accurately explain the role of patient-care technologies (as appropriate) in caring for individuals identified in the assigned case study	15
<b>Incorporation of Resources</b>	Incorporates more than two discipline-specific, peer-reviewed journal articles and one source from an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal. Viewpoints of experts are analyzed and well-informed	Incorporates sources of evidence from at least two discipline-specific, peer-reviewed journal articles	Incorporates at least two sources of evidence from peer-reviewed journals, but fails to make connection to case study clear	Does not incorporate at least two sources of evidence from a peer-reviewed journal	15
<b>Articulation of Response (APA/Mechanics)</b>	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	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 obstruct understanding	10
<b>Earned Total</b>					<b>100%</b>