PSY 636 Short Paper Rubric

Assignment instructions: As part of this course, you must write short papers on different topics pertaining to intervention strategies. While the topics vary, your papers, at a minimum, should do the following:

- Answer the question or address the issue(s) described in the instructions.
- Include your perspective, when applicable, and share your opinion or explain your rationale for your position.
- Be sure to support your responses with scholarly research, and include references and citations for material presented that is not your own original work. You can use first person to indicate your opinion (I, my, etc.) in lieu of listing yourself as a source.

Rubric

Format: Short papers should follow these formatting guidelines: 2–4 pages, double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and citations in APA format.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Analysis	Well-developed, effective, and accurate analysis of the topic and its impact on child and adolescent development, substantiated with scholarly research	Effective and accurate analysis of the topic and its impact on child and adolescent development	Accurate analysis on the topic and its impact on child and adolescent development but requires additional support	Does not accurately analyze topic and its impact on child and adolescent development	40
Insightful Conclusions	Clearly identifies conclusions and/or perspectives and connects each to specific child and adolescent development concept with clear supporting details substantiated with scholarly research	Identifies conclusions and/or perspectives and connects each to specific child and adolescent development concept	Attempts to identify conclusions and/or perspectives but does not always clearly or accurately relate each child and adolescent development concept	Does not identify conclusions and/or perspectives and does not connect each to specific child and adolescent development concept	40
Articulation of Response	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 prevent understanding of ideas	20
				Earned Total	**100%**