


 Southern New Hampshire University
PSY 638 Journal Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Journal activities in this course are private between you and the instructor. Each journal assignment will be graded individually. Journal activities are designed to help you make meaningful connections between the course content and the larger goals of this course. These journals are meant to offer you a more real-world glimpse into developmental psychology as well as the opportunity to put your critical-thinking skills to work by expressing your thoughts in response to the journal prompts.

Approach these activities as (a) an opportunity to reflect upon and apply what you learn each week based on the assigned readings, discussions, and activities, and (b) an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise based on your educational and professional experiences in the past. As a successful professional, you will need good reflective and writing skills. Journal activities offer you the opportunity to further develop these skills.

Guidelines for Submission: Submit assignment as a Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Your journal must be 750–800 words with at least three sources cited in APA format.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Developmental Psychology Concepts	Meets “Proficient” criteria and uses scholarly research to support ideas	Discusses the developmental psychology concept and includes an accurate and detailed explanation of the key aspects of the topic	Discusses the developmental psychology concept but lacks details pertaining to the key aspects of the topic	Does not discuss the developmental psychology concept	40
Reflection	Meets “Proficient” criteria and uses concrete examples to make connections	Journal includes a personal reflection that makes connections to current or future practice	Journal includes a reflection but lacks details or connections to current/future practice	Does not include reflection	40
Articulation of Response	Journal is free of errors in organization and grammar	Journal is mostly free of errors of organization and grammar; any errors are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow	Journal contain errors of organization and grammar but are limited enough so that journal can be understood	Journal contains errors of organization and grammar that make the journal difficult to understand	20
Earned Total					100%