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Articulate clear, specific long-term career goals.	DISTINGUISHED Presents focused, well-defined long-term career goals that demonstrate strong self-awareness and clear direction. 19.5 to >16.58 pts PROFICIENT Articulates clear, specific long-term career goals. 16.58 to >13.65 pts BASIC Describes career goals that are partially clear but lack specificity, depth, or a clear connection to long-term direction. 13.65 to >0 pts NON_PERFORMANCE Fails to articulate long-term career goals or provides goals that are unclear, overly broad, or unrealistic. 0 pts	/19.5 pts
Explain how psychological research methods can be applied to future professional practice.	DISTINGUISHED Provides a well-reasoned, detailed explanation that illustrates clear, practical applications of research methods to future professional responsibilities and demonstrates strong understanding of their value. 26 to >22.1 pts PROFICIENT Explains how psychological research methods can be applied to future professional practice. 22.1 to >18.2 pts BASIC Offers a basic explanation that shows partial understanding. 18.2 to >0 pts NON_PERFORMANCE	/26 pts

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	Fails to explain the relevance of research methods or provides an inaccurate, or disconnected explanation. 0 pts	
Demonstrate good scholarly writing skills with minimal errors and appropriately integrate ethical use of AI tools.	DISTINGUISHED Demonstrates strong scholarly writing skills and appropriately integrates ethical use of AI tools. 9.75 to >8.29 pts PROFICIENT Demonstrates good scholarly writing skills with minimal errors and appropriately integrates ethical use of AI tools. 8.29 to >6.83 pts BASIC Develops writing that is generally understandable but inconsistently organized, and applies AI tools mostly ethically. 6.83 to >0 pts NON_PERFORMANCE Produces writing that is unclear, poorly organized, or unprofessional or uses AI tools inappropriately, unethically, or without proper acknowledgment.	/9.75 pts

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Apply correct APA Style for the minimum number of in-text citations and references.	0 pts	
	DISTINGUISHED Applies correct APA Style for at least the minimum number of in-text citations and references with no errors. 9.75 to >8.29 pts PROFICIENT Applies APA Style for the minimum number of in-text citations and references with minimal errors. 8.29 to >6.83 pts BASIC Meets minimum citation requirements but includes multiple APA Style errors. 6.83 to >0 pts NON_PERFORMANCE Submits work that lacks required citations and references or uses APA Style inaccurately or inconsistently.	/9.75 pts

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