

RHAB 713 Career Paper

Grading Rubric

Your grade for the research paper will be based on the format, writing style, references, and content of your paper. The paper is based on a 100-point scale and your grade constitutes **15% of your final grade**.

APA Format. 5 points. APA format is required. This involves attention to the title page, headers, headings, page numbering, in-text citations, and a reference list. You do NOT have to include an abstract although you may do so if you wish. You are urged to acquire an APA style manual (its official name is the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed.).

Writing style. 5 points. Writing style includes proper spelling, grammar, and construction of well-written (e.g. clear) sentences. Writing style also includes (1) providing adequate information about a source when citing or paraphrasing it and (2) using original language wherever possible and only directly quoting when necessary and/or appropriate. The body of the paper should be approximately 8-10 pages in length

References. 10 points. The textbook may be used as a reference, but at least 5 *additional* references must be included. The additional references must be articles from professional journals – not websites. Journal articles should address aspects of counseling theory that are relevant to rehabilitation. All USC students have on-line access to the USC library electronic journal collection and many articles are available in full-text.

Content. 80 points. In this paper, you have the opportunity to fully explore career development theories as they relate to a rehabilitation population and do so in a well-organized way. The content of your paper must include the following:

- A short description of the case and the disability or disabilities (these may change)
- Justification for application of the career theory/counseling model (Support this with external research)
- Step-by-step application of the model with your case scenario. This should include changing life events (physical, situational, psychosocial)
- Evaluation tools or assessments which could be used to help with career exploration.

You should also integrate your research into the paper and rely *more on the research articles than the textbook* when describing key points. The content should give evidence of considerable thought and must demonstrate understanding of the career development theory theory you've selected.

The final paper will contain the following parts:

- Title page (Header and page #)
- Abstract (Not needed)

- Paper content (at least 8-10 pages double spaced)
- References (at least 5).

Components	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent
Content (10 pts) Description of the case and the disability or disabilities.	Content does not clearly describe the case and the disability or disabilities.	Content describes the case and the disability or disabilities.	Content describes the case and the disability or disabilities with clarity and attention to all relevant details.
Content (15 pts) Step-by-step application of the model with your case scenario. This should include changing life events (physical, situational, psychosocial).	Content does not include step-by-step application of the model with your case study, or does not include all details related to all significant changing life events (physical, situational, psychosocial).	Content includes step-by-step application of the model with your case study, but is missing minor details or lacks clarity.	Content includes step-by-step application of the model with your case study. Include details related to all significant changing life events (physical, situational, psychosocial).
Content (15 pts) Evaluation tools or assessments which could be used to help with career exploration.	Content does not include information related to applicable/appropriate evaluation tools or assessments.	Content includes information related to applicable/appropriate evaluation tools or assessments. Some connections are made between the tools and assessments and their applicability to the case study.	Content includes information related to applicable/appropriate evaluation tools or assessments. Clear and strong connections are made between the tools and assessments and their applicability to the case study.
Content (40 pts) Justification for application of the career theory/counseling model (Support this with external research).	Content does not include justification for the career theory. Content does not include support from peer reviewed articles.	Content includes justification for the career theory. Content includes some support from peer reviewed articles.	Content includes justification for the career theory. Content includes strong support from current peer reviewed articles.
Writing Style (5 pts)	Several errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and/or sentence structure showing carelessness	Few or no errors, but sentence structure could improve	Proper spelling, grammar, and construction of well-written (e.g. clear) sentences
APA Format (5 pts)	Not in APA style. APA style but several errors in cover page content, page enumeration, format (margins & indentation), headers, citation & reference format	APA style with a few errors	Appropriate APA format with title page, headers, headings, page numbering, in-text citations, and a reference
References (10 pts)	Less than 5 references, Not APA, documentation errors	5 references from academic peer reviewed publications. APA style, no errors,	5+ references from academic peer reviewed publications. APA style, no errors,