

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	Below Expectations	Total Score
Introduction and topic of paper	Introduction of paper is clearly written with a concise thesis statement that draws the reader in.	Introduction is well written. Thesis statement present but could be clearer and more engaging.	Introduction not clear as to what paper is about. Thesis not well developed.	Introduction does not state what the paper is about. Thesis statement missing.	
Chosen topic is a documented issue that affects maternal newborn health/outcomes. Two references used. (Or 1 reference may be used in this section and 1 in the next)	Paper has details and examples that support the thesis statement. Topic is current and relevant to learning. 2 references used.	Thesis statement isn't fully supported. More details and examples could be used. 2 references used.	Details and/or examples are weak and not fully explained. Only 1 reference used.	No details or examples are given. No references used.	
Strategy or intervention explained to improve maternal newborn health/outcomes. Two references used. (Or 1 reference may be used in this section and 1 in the previous)	Strategy is well explored on how to improve health/outcomes.	Strategy not as well explored.	Strategy not explained in detail.	No strategy given.	
Spelling, grammar, and APA format. Length of 500 words.	Less than 4 errors with spelling and grammar. Less than 4 errors with APA format.	4-7 spelling and grammatical errors. 4-7 errors with APA formatting.	7-10 spelling and grammatical errors. 7-10 errors with APA formatting.	More than 10 errors with spelling and grammar. More than 10 APA formatting errors.	
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