

Assignment Components		Proficient	Maximum Points
Examine the theoretical framework used in the study and assess its appropriateness for the selected research question. CO 1, 3 PO 3, 6, 8	Analyze the instruments used in data collection and discuss whether and how they were the appropriate selection to achieve the desired outcomes. CO 1, 2, 3 PO 3, 6, 8	The theoretical framework is accurately identified and thoroughly examined. The appropriateness of the framework is discussed in detail as it relates to the extent to which it helps to frame the selection of literature, methodology used, discussion of findings, and how it supports the research question. Special attention is given to addressing the multicultural emphasis in the selected sources and in the discussion of findings. Specific examples are provided to support the discussion. Scholarly evidence is used to support ideas.	/44 pts.
Evaluate the results and conclusions drawn and discuss the extent to which they supported the research question. CO 3 PO 3, 6, 8	Evaluate the results and conclusions drawn and discuss the extent to which they supported the research question. CO 3 PO 3, 6, 8	Evaluation is clear, complete, and accurate. Results and conclusions are related to the data collection and the framework. How results and conclusions supported the research question is accurately discussed and explained. Specific examples from the article are used to highlight the multicultural emphasis of the study; evidence from other scholarly sources is used to support the ideas.	/44 pts.
Evaluate the ethical considerations used by the researchers regarding multicultural diversity in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.	Evaluate the ethical considerations used by the researchers regarding multicultural diversity in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.	Ethical considerations regarding multicultural diversity to evaluate and interpret data are identified and discussed in detail. Specific examples are provided regarding considerations in data collection, analysis,	/44 pts.

CO 2 PO 3, 6	and interpretation. Evaluation of the ethical considerations is thoughtful and accurate and it discusses how those ethical considerations are present throughout the study, as needed. How specific ethical issues were identified and handled was highlighted and explained. Implications of those issues on the study are discussed accurately. Specific examples from the article are used to highlight ideas; evidence from other scholarly sources is used to support the ideas.	Write in a clear, concise, and organized manner; demonstrate ethical scholarship in accurate representation and attribution of sources (i.e., APA); and display accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Total:	/200 pts.
	Wrote in a clear, concise, and organized manner; demonstrated ethical scholarship in accurate representation and attribution of sources; and displayed accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.			/20 pts.

Module 5: Assignment 2

RA 2: Research Question and Literature Review

In RA 2, you will finalize the research question on a human services topic that you selected earlier in the course and conduct a literature review to better understand the problem being presented through the research question.

In this assignment, you will get an opportunity to practice many different concepts and skills that you have covered throughout this course.

Tasks:

Using what you have learned about research questions, along with the feedback you received in **M4 Assignment 2**, present your finalized research question on a topic in the field of human services. Your question should clearly depict the variables being examined and the relationship between these variables.

Gather, analyze, and critique scholarly literature and develop a literature review to address your research question. Use the list of resources that you finalized in **M4 Assignment 2**, in addition to any other articles that you found since **Module 4**.

Your literature review must be based on:

- Credible research sources
 - A minimum of one quantitative and one qualitative research study
 - One or two seminal or foundational sources
 - At least five peer-reviewed journals and two websites
 - Current sources from within the past five years (with the exception of the seminal or foundational source mentioned above)
- In addition, your literature review must:
- Synthesize the research and provide a summary of how the selected literature helps support the research question.
 - Discuss common themes found in the literature related to the topic.
 - Compare and contrast the typical research methodologies found in the literature you reviewed—qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods.

Submission Details:

- Compile your research question and literature review in an 8- to 10-page Microsoft Word document. Include a title page and a reference page and apply APA standards to citation of sources, including use of in-text citations and full references.
- Save your paper as **M5_A2_Lastname_Firstname.doc** and by **Module 5, Day 5**, upload it to the **M5 Assignment 2 RA 2 Dropbox**.

RA 2 is worth 300 points and will be graded according to the following rubric.

Grading Rubric

Assignment Components	Proficient	Maximum Points
Research Question	Research question is clear, measurable, specific, and appropriate to the current field.	/44 pts.
CO 1, 3 PO 3, 6, 8		
Comprise all the elements necessary for the literature review.	Literature review includes all the necessary pieces, including credible research sources, at least one quantitative and one qualitative research study, and one or two seminal or foundational sources. It also contains only current sources within the past five years (with the exception of the aforementioned seminal or foundational source.	/40 pts.
CO 3 PO 3, 6, 8		
Synthesize the research and provide a summary of how the selected literature helps support the research question.	Through synthesis and summary, the importance of the research question is justified and answered, using specific scholarly resources from the literature review. Elements of the research question are broken down into key aspects and are supported by multiple sources. In supporting the research question, material from a variety of sources is synthesized to provide conclusions.	/64 pts.
CO 1, 3 PO 3, 6, 8		
Discuss common themes found in the literature related to the topic.	Common themes identified are accurate and clearly presented, with evidence from multiple sources. Themes identified also indicate a thorough, careful reading and analysis of the literature, as the discussion includes both obvious and subtle themes.	/64 pts.
CO 3 PO 3, 6, 8		
Compare and contrast the typical research methodologies—qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods.	Typical research methodologies are compared and contrasted. Specific similarities and differences are identified and related between the methodologies. Specific evidence from scholarly research is used to support ideas.	/60 pts.

CO 1	PO 3, 6	Write in a clear, concise, and organized manner; demonstrate ethical scholarship in accurate representation and attribution of sources (i.e., APA); and display accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Wrote in a clear, concise, and organized manner; demonstrated ethical scholarship in accurate representation and attribution of sources; and displayed accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	/28 pts.	/300 pts.
Total:					

Overview of RA 1 and RA 2

Module 3: Assignment 2

RA 1: Research Methodologies

In this assignment, you will evaluate the research methodologies used in a particular study to apply the knowledge you have gained in the course. This will be your opportunity to explore a research study in depth and gain a stronger understanding of both conducting the research and also reporting the outcome of that research.

Tasks:

Read the following article from the Argosy University online library resources:

- [Multicultural development in human services agencies: Challenges and solutions](#)

Then, in a 5- to 6-page paper:

- Evaluate the research methodologies used. In your evaluation, make sure that you:
 - Examine the theoretical framework used in the study and assess its appropriateness for the selected research question.
 - Evaluate the way in which the literature review portion of the article informed and supported the research.
 - Analyze the instruments used in data collection and discuss how they were an appropriate selection to achieve the desired outcomes.
 - Evaluate the results and conclusions drawn and discuss the extent to which they supported the research question.
 - Evaluate the ethical considerations that the researchers kept in mind regarding multicultural diversity in data collection, analysis, and interpretation.

Submission Details:

- Write your paper in a Microsoft Word document and save it as M3_A2_Lastname_Firstname.doc. Include a title and reference page and apply APA standards to the citation of sources, including use of in-text citations and full references.

- By **Module 3, Day 7**, post your saved paper to the **M3 Assignment 2 RA 1 Dropbox**.

RA 1 is worth 200 points and will be graded according to the following rubric.