

Lesson 4

■ Writing Assignment

Directions: Be sure to make an electronic copy of your answer before submitting it to Ashworth College for grading. Unless otherwise stated, answer in complete sentences, and be sure to use correct English spelling and grammar. Sources must be cited in APA format. Your response should be two (2) single-spaced pages; refer to the "Assignment Format" page for specific format requirements.

Part A (A 1-page response is required)

For Part A of this assignment, you will apply the principles of operant conditioning to modify an existing behavior. Target a behavior to be modified, either an undesirable behavior that you would like to eliminate or a desirable behavior that you would like to strengthen.

1. Generate a plausible explanation for why the problem exists.
2. Describe at least one (1) reason why you want to change the behavior and at least one (1) benefit the change will bring.
3. Carefully design a program for modifying the behavior, making sure to include all relevant conditioning principles incorporated within your plan (which might include the use of positive and negative reinforcers, punishment, shaping, schedules of reinforcement, modeling, extinction, stimulus discrimination or generalization, primary and secondary reinforcers, and so on.) Your plan should include at least three (3) steps.

Part B (A 1-page response is required)

Design a series of test items that would indicate the different intelligences according to Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences. Provide at least one (1) original example of how you would test each of the eight (8) different intelligences.