Capstone Assessment Rubric Articulated Criteria for Different Types of Projects
Lifelong Learning
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Empirical Projects (Involve original data collection - qualitative or quantitative in nature)	Applied Projects (Involve utilization of knowledge to intervene, prevent, ameliorate or to solve a problem in social contexts, work or natural environments	Theoretical, Reflective or Analytical Projects (Involve systematic library, bibliographic and/or documentary research)	Creative and Artistic Expression (Involve paintings, sculptures, musical performances and theatre productions)	Simulations (Involve utilization of business and organizational skills and principles to reproduce the essential features of real-world business or organizational structures or processes)
1. Problem and purpose statement identify variables clearly and provide a rationale based on verifiable existing information and free of personal bias	1. Problem and purpose statement identify variables clearly and provide a rationale based on verifiable existing information and free of personal bias	1. Problem and purpose statement identify variables and issues clearly and provide a rationale based on verifiable existing information and free of personal bias	1. Reflections elaborating on the theme analyze elements or principles used in the work	1. Strategic analysis of an organization demonstrates effective utilization of relevant and current technology and information sources
2. Literature review covers material obtained using appropriate technology cited according to professional standards and format of a discipline	2. Literature review and background information covers material obtained using appropriate technology cited according to professional standards and format of a discipline	2. Narrative or essay covers material obtained using appropriate technology cited according to professional standards and format of a discipline	2. Reflections clearly describe the content and its meaning in the work	2. Strategic analysis of an organization demonstrates effective evaluation and integration of information that is evidence based and free of personal bias
3. Literature review demonstrates the ability to evaluate relevant evidence and integrates information coherently	3. Literature review demonstrates the ability to evaluate relevant evidence and integrates information coherently	3. Narrative or essay demonstrates the ability to evaluate relevant evidence and integrates information coherently	3. Reflections clearly demonstrate the ability to solve problems encountered in the development of the work	3. Strategic analysis of an organization demonstrates appropriate and evidence based inferences
4. Methodology and procedure identify measurement instruments and approaches that have documented reliability and validity	4. Application of knowledge to intervene or solve a problem is unbiased by personal beliefs, political agendas or economic gain	4. Conclusions are inferred appropriately from the analysis and presentation of information free of personal bias, political agenda or economic gain	4. Work demonstrates the appropriate use of relevant and current technology	
5. Analysis of the data is conducted using appropriate technology and established statistical method	5. Application is inferred appropriately from existing verifiable information demonstrated to be effective			
6. Findings are appropriate inferences from the analysis	6. Discussion and critique of the project appropriately identifies shortcomings and presents a balanced unbiased conclusion about its effectiveness and future implications			
7. Discussions and conclusions integrate findings with the reviewed literature and infer appropriate theoretical and practical implications				