

# PSYC4813 PRACTICUM

## Final Paper Grading Rubric

The purpose of the paper is for you to compare and contrast your experience in the Practicum with the theories, information, and experiences at RMU. To some degree, then, this paper serves as a critique of both the practicum experience as well as your experience in the RMU psychology degree program.

Consider organizing your paper along the following guidelines:

- I. **Introduction:** Motivation for pursuing this practicum experience; how did you go about arranging the practicum; initial impressions and expectations as you began the experience;
- II. **Comparisons:** What courses (be specific) helped to prepare you for this experience? What events occurred during the practicum (be specific) that you felt more prepared for because of your coursework (be specific) at RMU?
- III. **Contrasts:** What experiences or events that occurred during the practicum did you feel less than prepared for that should have been dealt with in one or more of your classes at RMU?
- IV. **Extensions:** Ideally your practicum experience should provide you with something that RMU coursework could not have. Describe any experiences/events you believe were unique to the practicum. Which of these represented benefits of the overall experience above and beyond what the classroom experience brought to your education? Consider describing any negative experiences that helped you to realize that maybe your academic/career path needed to change.
- V. **Conclusions:** What were the highlights (and lowlights) of the experience? What challenges did you overcome? Was the experience worthwhile? If so, why? If not, what would make it better?

Please expand upon or modify the above guidelines to best suit your final paper (which should have around 10 pages of content).

Please use Times New Roman (size 12 font); 1-inch borders all around; Double-spacing (only); and follow APA style whenever possible.

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| <b>60 Points Possible</b> | _____ | <b>Excellent<br/>9-10</b> | <b>Good<br/>7-8</b> | <b>Fair<br/>5-6</b> | <b>Poor<br/>0-4</b> |
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| <b>Introduction</b>       | _____ | Thorough                  | Adequate            | Minimal info        | Missing info        |
| <b>Comparisons</b>        | _____ | Thorough                  | Adequate            | Minimal info        | Missing info        |
| <b>Contrasts</b>          | _____ | Thorough                  | Adequate            | Minimal info        | Missing info        |
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| <b>Conclusions</b>        | _____ | Thorough                  | Adequate            | Minimal info        | Missing info        |
| <b>Mechanics</b>          | _____ | Thorough                  | Adequate            | Minimal             | Missing             |
| <b>Comments</b>           |       |                           |                     |                     |                     |