

# Journal Instructions

## IHP 525 Journal Guidelines and Rubric

**Overview:** The journal activities in this course are an ongoing, private conversation between you and the instructor. In each journal assignment, you will draft responses to sections of **Final Project Part I: Article Review**. While a certain level of informality is permitted, proper grammar, spelling, and APA citations are required. Your journal posts should reflect academic rigor.

A course journal in Blackboard is generally made up of many individual entries. In this course, each entry will be graded individually, but they will all be polished and used to create **one final document to be submitted in Module Eight as your Final Project Part I: Article Review**. Review [this tutorial](#) for information on creating a Blackboard journal entry.

**Prompt:** For each journal entry, the following critical elements must be met:

- Fulfill all requirements in the individual prompt.
- Provide relevant application of **course concepts**.
- Support ideas and observations with examples from **your own personal or professional situation**.

**Guidelines for Submission:** Each journal entry should be **1 to 2 paragraphs in length**, submitted through the Blackboard journal tool.

**Instructor Feedback:** This activity uses an integrated rubric in Blackboard. Students can view instructor feedback in the Grade Center. For more information, review [these instructions](#).

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Prompt</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and references course materials	Meets all elements outlined in the prompt	Meets only some of the elements in the prompt	Does not meet the elements in the prompt	40
<b>Course Concepts</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and supports response with course materials	Clearly relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	Relates course concepts to the applicable journal prompt, but response lacks clarity	Does not relate course concepts to the applicable journal prompt	30
<b>Personal or Professional Situation</b>	Meets "Proficient" criteria and further relates personal or professional circumstances to scholarly research	Logically supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences	Supports ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences, but response lacks logic	Does not support ideas and observations with examples from personal or professional circumstances or experiences	25