



IND 299 Milestone Three Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: In Milestone Two, you selected a concentration for your academic plan of study. Your chosen concentration reflects the knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to achieving your specific goal. In Milestone Three, you will identify the three domains that will complement your concentration and give you the breadth of capability necessary to realize your specific goal.

Prompt: Identify the three domains for your academic plan of study. Then, for each domain, list three courses that will help you build the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to accomplish your specific goal. Continue working with your academic advisor, if necessary, to select the courses that will be included in your academic plan of study.

Write a short paper that addresses the following **critical elements**:

- **Strengths**
 - Describe your current areas of strength (refer to the work you completed in the Module One journal activity), explaining how prior academic learning or work/life experience helped you gain these strengths.
 - Describe how these strengths will help you achieve your specific goal and be successful in completing your academic plan of study (refer to the work you completed on the SMART Goal and Strategy Worksheet).
- **Weaknesses**
 - Identify which of the KSA areas you included in Milestone Two are weaknesses for you. In other words, which KSAs will you need to gain to achieve your specific goal?
- **Domains**
 - Identify three main categories that could be used to logically group your strengths and weaknesses. Each category is a domain.
 - Describe how each domain will help you leverage your current strengths and/or reduce your areas of weakness so that you can accomplish your specific goal.
- **Courses**
 - List three courses in each domain, including prior or planned coursework that will help you achieve your specific goal. Use the [SNHU Academic Catalogs](#) to identify appropriate courses.
 - Include the course name and number.
 - Explain how each course relates to the KSAs you included in Milestone Two.

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper should be a 1- to 4-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Strengths	Identifies KSAs that are areas of strength, clearly describing how mastery occurred and linking strengths to the specific goal	Identifies KSAs that are areas of strength, with an explanation of how mastery occurred and some description of the link between these strengths and the specific goal	Does not identify KSAs that are areas of strength or how they were mastered or how they link to the specific goal	20
Weaknesses	Identifies KSAs that are areas of weakness and clearly articulates the link between them and the specific goal	Identifies KSAs that are areas of weakness, with some description of the relationship to the specific goal described	Does not identify KSAs that are areas of weakness or demonstrate a link between them and the specific goal	20
Domains	Selects domains that are based on strengths and weaknesses as required for the specific goal	Selects domains that are somewhat related to strengths and weaknesses as required for the specific goal	Does not select domains, or the domains are not related to strengths and weaknesses as required for the specific goal	25
Courses	Selects three courses for each domain that are logically related and clearly articulates how they are related to KSAs	Selects three courses for each domain that are somewhat related and provides some explanation of how they are related to the KSAs	Does not select three courses for each domain or explain how they are related to the KSAs	20
Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization that prevent understanding of ideas	15
Total				100