

DMin Chapter Rubric

CHAPTER THREE: LITERATURE REVIEW

Category	4.00 Target	3.00 Needs Improvement	2.00 Unsatisfactory	1.00 Unacceptable
Introduction	The chapter begins with an introduction that establishes an appropriate context for reviewing the literature, defines and justifies the scope of the review, and provides a roadmap for the progression of the chapter.	Same as target, but less defined.	The context for reviewing the literature is unclear, or the scope of the review is not defined, or there is not a roadmap for the progression of the chapter.	There is no introduction or no clear connection between the introduction and the body of the chapter.
Relevance of the Literature to the problem/topic	The problem/topic is identified and the chosen literature is clearly related.	The problem/topic is identified and the chosen literature is related.	The literature chosen is only loosely related to the problem/topic.	There is no connection between the problem/topic and the selected literature.
Currency of the Literature	The literature represents the latest work done in the field. The focus is on literature written over the last five years. Specific reasons are given for the use of any literature that is not current.	The literature represents the latest work done in the field. The focus is on literature written over the last ten years. Specific reasons are given for the use of any literature that is not current.	Numerous sources of literature reviewed are over ten years old and no specific reason is given for the use of this noncurrent literature.	Most of the literature reviewed was written over ten years ago.
Primary Literature is Emphasized	Primary Literature is emphasized and secondary literature is used selectively.	Primary and secondary sources are distinctively identified and come from reputable sources.	There is no distinction between primary and secondary sources but sources are reputable.	There is no evidence that the literature comes from reputable sources.
Logical Organization of the Content	The literature review is organized around ideas, not the sources themselves. The ideas are presented in either a chronological or a thematic structure.	The literature review is organized around ideas, not the sources and there is a logical structure.	The review is organized by author without a logical structure.	There is no organization at all, just a list of abstracts or disconnected reports.
Comparison and Contrast of Studies	The researchers whose works are being reviewed are put into conversation with each other and their studies are compared and contrasted with each other.	The studies are compared and contrasted.	There is some type of description of the relationship between studies.	There is no analysis of the relationship of the different studies to each other.

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Conclusion	The chapter ends with a conclusion that summarizes the major insights gained from the review, addresses questions for further research and provides insight into the relationship between the review and the central topic of the research.	The chapter ends with a conclusion that summarizes the major insights gained from the review and provides insight into the relationship between the review and the central topic of the research.	One of the main points is not reiterated in the conclusion. Or in addition to reiterating what was discovered in the body of the chapter the conclusion presents new evidence or makes claims that are not substantiated in the body of the chapter.	There is no conclusion or the conclusion does not capture the main points of the chapter.
Format	The chapter formatting follows proper <i>Andrews Standards for Written Work</i> .	There is 1 formatting mistake.	There are 2 formatting mistakes.	There are 3 or more formatting mistakes.
Style	The chapter follows APA Style in-text referencing to cite sources.	There is 1 stylistic mistake.	There are 2 stylistic mistakes.	There are 3 or more stylistic mistakes.
Language Conventions	There are no spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.	There is spelling, grammar, or punctuation error.	There are 2 spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.	There are 3 or more spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.
Clearly Written	The chapter is written in a reader-friendly manner that models clarity of expression.	The statement is written in a mostly reader-friendly manner. There is a slight tendency to use a few long rambling sentences	Expression of some ideas is confusing to the reader. Uses lots of long, rambling sentences.	The chapter does not promote reader understanding and/or is unclear in language use and expression. Uses long, rambling or run-on sentences.
Length	20-25 pages	26-30 pages	31-40 pages	More than 40 pages