Touro GSSW Grading Rubric for SW 637 Final Research Paper

Assignment Elements	Excellent	Competent	Needs Work
Introduction	Accurately provides a brief background placing the importance of the research problem in social context and/or service delivery and explain clearly why the study topic is important and relevant to social work research, practice or policy.	Provide a brief background placing the importance of the research problem in social context and/or service delivery and explain briefly why the study topic is important and relevant to social work research, practice, or policy.	Does not accurately introduce the background of the study or why the study is important and relevant to social work research, practice, or policy.
Population of Interest and Research Problem	Provide relevant and sufficient population statistics (demographics) and background information about the study problem – definition, extent, scope, prevalence, impacts.	Provide some population statistics or background information of the study problem - definition, extent, scope, prevalence, impacts	Very little or incomplete information of population statistics or study problem provided
Review of Related Literature	Thoroughly review what is already known about the topic and include relevant literature such as book articles, empirical studies, government reports, census, statistics, websites, or other data sources, about the research problem. Sources of literature will include about 8 articles (at least 6 scholarly, peer reviewed articles published in scientific journals) Synthesize and integrate what have been learned and highlight all of the followings: (1) what is known about the study topic, (2) what the gaps are in knowledge, or (3) how this literature is relevant for the topic.	Review what is already known about the topic and include relevant literature from the suggested sources. Source of literature will include about 6 articles (either scholarly, peer reviewed articles published in scientific journals or other sources) Describe what have been learned and highlight a few of the followings: (1) what is known about the study topic, (2) what the gaps are in knowledge, or (3) how this literature is relevant for the topic.	5 or less out of 8 articles are included for review, lack of integration or synthesis or related literature to inform the knowledge gap
References	All (8) references and citations following the American Psychological Association's (APA) Publication Manual citation styles are present and correctly formatted.	Most references (5-6) and citations are present and correctly formatted.	Half or less references and citations are present and correctly formatted.