

### Writing Sample Rubric – NKU DNP Program Admission

Please submit a scholarly writing paper about a nursing topic designated for a professional audience. The paper should be a **minimum of four pages** *excluding* the title page, abstract, and reference page. The paper and references should be written using the Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) style guide – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition.

|   | Acceptable<br>4-5 points  | Unacceptable<br>0- 3  | Score/Points                                |
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| Page Limit, title page, and reference page            | Adheres to a 4 page MINIMUM excluding title page, abstract (not required), and references.  | 3 pages or less of content; missing title page and or reference page.                       |   |
| Writing demonstrates synthesis about a nursing topic. | Articulates topic and demonstrates synthesis of understanding about the topic.  | Writing lacks clarity and focus.  |   |
| APA style for expression and mechanics of writing.    | Uses APA style with no or minor APA errors in the content area, title and reference pages.  | Many APA Errors   |   |
| Graduate Level Writing;                               | Writing is scholarly and appropriate for a professional audience; paper is written in the third person; grammar is appropriate; writing is fluid and organized. | Writing is vague, unclear and lacks a professional focus; contains multiple grammar errors; |   |
| Total   |   |   | /20<br>Less than 16 points is unacceptable. |