

Week 2 Rubric – Topic & Thesis Statement

Criteria	Non-performance	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Distinguished
States a topic that relates to health law.	Does not identify the paper topic at all. (0 points)	Identifies a topic that is ambiguous, or difficult to understand. (0.6 points)	Provides a concise and comprehensible description of the topic. (1.25 points)	N/A
States a thesis or claim within the topic.	Does not provide identify a thesis or claim. (0 points)	Identifies a thesis that is ambiguous, or difficult to understand as stated. (0.6 points)	Provides concise and comprehensible thesis. (1.25 points)	N/A
Explains how the thesis is novel, non-obvious, useful, and sound.	Does not explain how the thesis is novel, non-obvious, and sound. (0 points)	Superficially explains how the thesis is novel, non-obvious, and sound. (0.6 points)	Clearly explains how the thesis is novel, non-obvious, and sound. (1.25 points)	N/A
Communicate in a clear, concise, organized and well-written manner.	Communicates in an unclear, verbose, and/or sloppy or informal manner. (0 points)	Communicates with some lack of clarity or excessive wordiness or with a distracting number of writing errors (0.60 points)	Communicates clearly, concisely, and with relatively few writing errors. (1.25 points)	N/A