

**PSY 545 Milestone Three Guidelines and Rubric**

**Overview:** Using what you have learned so far in the course, you will complete the ethics and diversity section of your project. In Milestone Three, you will submit a three- to four-page paper. In this paper you will examine the role of ethics and the implications of diversity in the scenario you have chosen. You are acting as the assistant to a forensic psychologist in this case and you will assess your role relative to the potential ethical implications or ramifications in the scenario. You will use the Ethical Principles for Psychologists and Code of Conduct to substantiate your claims. You will also assess the potential risks associated with the scenario, or potential personal biases that would impact a forensic psychologist's ability to be objective and fair. What is your recommended course of action regarding the identified risks? Once you have discussed ethics, you will discuss the implications of diversity on the scenario you have chosen. Discuss the implications of diversity, race, or gender on the delivery of services in this scenario. What are the drawbacks of not being culturally competent or culturally aware? How would you address these issues? How would you ensure integrity and the high standard of professionalism? What steps are needed to ensure the best practices in addressing cultural competency are considered when providing services to clients of varying cultures and backgrounds?

**Specifically, the following critical elements must be addressed:**

**IV. Role of Ethics**

- a) Assess the forensic psychologist's role relative to the potential **ethical implications or ramifications** in the scenario. For instance, what is the importance of maintaining objectivity or maintaining professionalism? Substantiate your claims, referencing the Ethical Principles for Psychologists and Code of Conduct.
- b) **Assess the potential risks** associated with implementing forensic psychology practices specific to the scenario. For example, are there personal biases that would impact the forensic psychologist's ability to be objective and fair in this scenario?
- c) **What is your recommended** course of action regarding the risks you identified, demonstrating your adherence to high ethical standards in working with all relevant parties in the scenario?
  - i. For instance, how does a forensic psychologist still work clinically with a defendant when the psychologist would be required to release information obtained in an individual therapy session? Or what would be the ethical implications for a forensic psychologist working on a case in which the psychologist is privy to unethical behavior being engaged in on the part of other court officials?

**V. Implications of Diversity**

- a) What are the implications of diversity (e.g., race, gender) on the effective delivery of forensic-related services relative to the **scenario**? Overall, what are the drawbacks to being insensitive to and not culturally aware of differences when working with clients?
- b) How would you address issues of diversity in your selected scenario? In other words, what are your **recommendations** to the assigned forensic psychologist, ensuring that the psychologist will maintain the integrity of practice and high standard of professionalism?
- c) What steps are needed to ensure that best practices in addressing cultural competency are considered when providing services to clients of varying cultures and backgrounds?

**Rubric**

**Guidelines for Submission:** Milestone Three should follow these formatting guidelines: Use of a minimum of two sources, three to four double-spaced pages, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and citations in APA style.

<b>Critical Elements</b>	<b>Proficient (100%)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (75%)</b>	<b>Not Evident (0%)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Role of Ethics: Ethical Implications or Ramifications</b>	Accurately assesses the role of a forensic psychologist relative to potential ethical implications in the scenario and substantiates claims referencing the Ethical Principles for Psychologists and Code of Conduct	Assesses the role of a forensic psychologist relative to potential ethical implications in the scenario and substantiates claims referencing the Ethical Principles for Psychologists and Code of Conduct, but assessment is not accurate or lacks detail	Does not assess the role of a forensic psychologist relative to potential ethical implications and ramifications	15
<b>Role of Ethics: Potential Risks</b>	Accurately assesses the potential risks with implementing forensic psychology practices specific to the scenario	Assesses the potential risks with implementing forensic psychology practices specific to the scenario, but assessment is not accurate or lacks detail	Does not assess the potential risks with implementing forensic psychology practices specific to the scenario	15
<b>Role of Ethics: Recommended Course of Action</b>	Outlines a recommended course of action, demonstrating adherence to high ethical standards in working with all relevant parties in the scenario	Outlines a recommended course of action, but does not demonstrate adherence to high ethical standards, or recommendations overlook relevant factors	Does not outline a recommended course of action	15
<b>Implications of Diversity: Delivery of Forensic-Related Services</b>	Accurately assesses the implications of diversity, race, or gender on the effective delivery of forensic-related services relative to the scenario and discusses the drawbacks of not being culturally aware of differences when working with clients	Assesses the implications of diversity, race, or gender on the effective delivery of forensic-related services relative to the scenario and discusses the drawbacks of being culturally unaware, but assessment is not accurate or overlooks relevant factors	Does not assess the implications of diversity, race, or gender on the effective delivery of forensic-related services	15
<b>Implications of Diversity: Scenario</b>	Recommends how the issues relative to diversity in the scenario will be addressed, ensuring that the integrity of practice and high standard of	Recommends how the issues relative to diversity in the scenario will be addressed, but discussion is not couched in terms of ensuring that the integrity of practice and high standard of	Does not recommend how the dynamics of diversity in the scenario will be addressed	15

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	professionalism will be maintained	professionalism will be maintained, or recommendations are not appropriate		
<b>Implications of Diversity: Cultural Competency</b>	Outlines the steps necessary to ensure that best practices relative to cultural competency are considered when providing services to clients of varying cultures and backgrounds	Outlines the steps necessary to ensure that best practices relative to cultural competency are considered, but identified steps lack detail or do not appropriately address cultural issues within the specific scenario	Does not outline the steps necessary to ensure that best practices relative to cultural competency are considered	15
<b>Articulation of Response</b>	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
<b>Earned Total</b>				<b>100%</b>