



Final Project Details & Instructions

Project Objective: The purpose of this project is to use the skills learned over the course of the first week of OLMA to complete a professional grade project that includes a critical analysis of the way your agency does business and cultivates an innovative environment.

Project Components

The final project consists of two parts:

1. **Written Paper** - Emailed to research.dpsst@dpsst.oregon.gov as a Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx) by the **Tuesday prior to Week 2. Maximum length of ten (10) pages and must include the following elements:**
 - Heading including name, agency, and topic
 - 12-point font (body of the paper), double-spaced
2. **Presentation** – Presented in front of class & supervisors on **Friday of Week 2**

Grading

Instructors will grade papers using the attached rubric and return them to the student AND the student's supervisor no later than 5:00pm, **Tuesday of Week 2**. Grading is completed on a first come, first served basis. If a paper does not pass, it will be immediately returned to the student for follow-up.

We **will not score** presentations. However, instructors and peers will provide immediate feedback, using the attached rubrics.

Requesting Assistance (OPTIONAL)

Send an email to research.dpsst@dpsst.oregon.gov and indicate that you are seeking research, presentation, and/or writing assistance.

Presentation Instructions

- Presentations should be **no more** than 15 minutes in length, but should be long enough to explain your project adequately.
- Use of visual aids is **not required, but encouraged**. This could be a slide deck (i.e. PowerPoint, Prezi), examples of materials that would be distributed as part of your project, use of the whiteboard, etc.



Paper Instructions

Your assignment is to select a topic that falls within AT LEAST ONE of the six pillars of the 21st Century Policing Task Force Report and write a paper to include the following parts:

PART I:

- Examine the six pillars of 21st Century Policing listed below and choose a topic that addresses at least one of these pillars. Briefly describe how your chosen topic applies to your agency and community.
- Assess your agency’s “state of affairs” with respect to your chosen topic (i.e. where is your agency with respect to best practices – are they following them or not? Why or Why not?). Use local data, examples, and/or events to illustrate “state of affairs.”

PART II:

- Discuss what your agency could do to improve in your chosen topic (“Next Steps”)
- Develop a written recommendation(s) for your agency that incorporates research on best practices.
- Develop a plan to implement the(se) recommendation(s)

PART III:

Create a resource page – list the resources used, including web addresses. No formal citation format is required. At a minimum, sources must be easily obtained with information provided.

Six Pillars

See “Starting with What Works...” reading assignment for an expanded description of each pillar

1. Building Trust & Legitimacy
2. Policy & Oversight
3. Technology & Social Media
4. Community Policing & Crime Prevention
5. Training & Education
6. Officer Wellness & Safety



Additional Information

Writing Tips

- **Use the Spelling & Grammar check frequently!**
- Read your answers out loud – this will help identify awkward sentences, spelling errors, and other common writing follies
- Write. Rest. Edit. – After writing your first draft, take time away from it or give it to someone else to proofread so that you can edit it with fresh eyes.

Presentation Slide Deck Tips (if you choose to use PowerPoint or Prezi)

- Avoid text heavy slides
- Use slides sparingly - for a 15-minute presentation, five to ten slides is sufficient.
- Fonts (including those in graphs & tables) should be readable from the back of the room - minimum 24-point font in colors that contrast with your background color
- Avoid animations and sound effects
- Use images/videos sparingly - if you need an image or video, use one that enhances your story

NOTE: DPSST IS policy, does not allow the use of thumb drives. Allowable formats include email to instructor(s), CD, and connecting your personal laptop to the projector.

Citing Research

Your project must be your own original work. If you use any text from someone else, you must make it clear you are citing text and indicate where the text comes from. You must also cite any sources from which you obtain data, ideas, or other material. You do not need to adhere to any particular format.

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