

EE/RPPF

For first assessment in 2018

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Candidate personal code:

Extended essay - Reflections on planning and progress form

Candidate: This form is to be completed by the candidate during the course and completion of their EE. This document records reflections on your planning and progress, and the nature of your discussions with your supervisor. You must undertake three formal reflection sessions with your supervisor: The first formal reflection session should focus on your initial ideas and how you plan to undertake your research; the interim reflection session is once a significant amount of your research has been completed, and the final session will be in the form of a viva voce once you have completed and handed in your EE. This document acts as a record in supporting the authenticity of your work. The three reflections combined must amount to no more than 500 words.

The completion of this form is a mandatory requirement of the EE for first assessment May 2018. It must be submitted together with the completed EE for assessment under Criterion E.

Supervisor: You must have three reflection sessions with each candidate, one early on in the process, an interim meeting and then the final viva voce. Other check-in sessions are permitted but do not need to be recorded on this sheet. After each reflection session candidates must record their reflections and as the supervisor you must sign and date this form.

First reflection session

Candidate comments:

I first brainstormed topics that I have interest in such as music, Asian-American civil rights and drug abuse/addiction. I chose World Studies because I felt that it would allow me to explore broader concepts in my topic. I ultimately chose acupuncture in the treatment of addiction because I knew I would enjoy this topic and be able to write a good EE on it. My first concerns included finding enough resources that relate to acupuncture and addiction treatment. So I went away from the reflection session and looked in various places – the library, internet, bookstores etc and asked the librarian for help.

Date:

Supervisor initials:

Interim reflection

Candidate comments:

I have finished all my research on the treatment of addiction. I know the processes of treatment – the difficulties patients can face, as well as things they need to overcome during treatment. I have an idea of where acupuncture can fit into treatment. One challenge I face now is deciding what information I do not need. I found myself writing about things which interested me but did not relate to my paper. My supervisor suggested I could solve this problem by prioritising. One change that is needed is using a wider range of resources. My main resources are print books and encyclopaedias. He thinks it would be beneficial for me to look at online academic journals and articles as they have another aspect that print books do not have.

Date:

Supervisor initials:

Final reflection - Viva voce

Candidate comments:

My initial ideas have been realised to a large extent. I believe this is due to the amount of information that was available to me. Although the use of acupuncture in the treatment of addiction is relatively new, there is a lot of information out there on the subject. But not too much! I was able to 'connect some dots' on my own and still speculate on the potential drawbacks of acupuncture in addiction treatment. I was a little surprised at how much I enjoyed my topic. I found very interesting pieces of information which I will remember for the future.

Date:

Supervisor initials:

Supervisor comments:

The thing that I enjoyed about working with Y was the strong passion that she felt for her subject. I truly believe that one day she will be working in the field that she studied in her EE. She seemed overwhelmed at the beginning of the process, but she was able to settle down and do lots of research on the topic. She met all internal deadlines on time and she did not procrastinate. Although I do feel that some of the investigative aspect of the EE is missing, the amount of growth this student showed from first draft to final is very positive.