

Autobiography Assessment Rubric  
Master of Arts  
Lakota Leadership and Management

Answer the following question.

Use APA format and include a reference page. Two pages typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font.

- What distinguishes you as an excellent candidate for the Lakota Leadership and Management graduate program?

1. Clearly stated introduction, body and conclusion

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
The main idea or purpose is not stated in the introduction paragraph	The main idea or purpose is not consistently clear in the introduction paragraph	The main idea or purpose is stated; however may digress throughout the paper	The main idea/purpose is clearly stated in the introduction and throughout the paper
Body of paragraph does not support main idea	Body of paragraph does not consistently support main idea	Conclusion supports central theme	Conclusion is clear and concise, supporting central theme
A point of view is unclear	Conclusion is not consistently clear		
Fails to provide clear concise conclusion			
Comments:			

2. Communicates effectively

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
Communicates information and ideas with limited clarity	Communicates information and ideas with some clarity	Communicates information and ideas with considerable clarity	Effectively communicates information and ideas with high degree of clarity
Style is inconsistent or inappropriate	Style is somewhat consistent and appropriate	Style is considerably consistent and appropriate	Style is clear, concise and appropriate
Does not use examples to support central thought	Provides one example to support central thought	Provides two examples to support central thought	Provides three or more examples to support central thought
Comments:			

### 3. Organization of thoughts

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
Writing is unfocused and poorly organized, lacking logical connection of ideas	Writing is focused, with limited ability to articulate ideas	Ideas are arranged logically to support the central purpose with a clear articulation of ideas	Ideas are arranged logically and flow smoothly to support statement of Lakota Leadership candidate
Comments:			

### 4. Grammar, usage and mechanics

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
The writing has many errors and is obscuring the meaning  Errors in sentence structure are frequent to be a distraction to the reader	The writing has many errors, however is not a distraction  Some sentences are awkwardly constructed, occasionally distracting the reader	The writing has occasional errors, however does not present a major distraction or obscure the meaning  Sentences are well phased and there is some variety in length and structure. Flow from sentence to sentence is generally smooth	The writing is free or almost free of errors  Sentences are well phrased and varied in length and structure. They flow smoothly from one to another
Comments:			

### 5. Critical and creative thinking

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
Uses critical and creative thinking skills with limited effectiveness	Uses critical and creative thinking skills with moderate effectiveness	Uses critical and creative thinking skills with considerable effectiveness	Exceptionally uses critical and creative thinking skills
Comments:			

### 6. Use of Graduate Studies Mission and/or Vision:

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
Graduate Studies mission and/or vision is not cited	Graduate Studies mission and/or vision is cited once	Graduate Studies mission and/or vision is cited twice	Graduate Studies mission and/or vision is cited more than three times
Comments:			

7. Use of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA):

Unacceptable 1	Acceptable 2	Good 3	Exemplary 4
Format of the document is not recognizable as APA style	There are frequent errors in using APA style  One APA style citation is used	APA style used with minor errors  Two APA style citations are used	APA style is used accurately and consistently in the paper and references  Three or more APA style citations are used
Comments:			

**Graduate Studies Courses Objectives**

1. Students will integrate their knowledge and development of qualities necessary for Wolakota leadership.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
2. Students will specify and implement how Lakota values, belief systems, and life-styles of leaders and managers impact peoples and societies	
YES	NO
Comments:	
3. Students will recognize and practice listening, Lakota oratory skills, and other appropriate methods in the expression of Lakota values.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
4. Students will assess how historical processes of colonization affected Lakota culture and the social organization of indigenous peoples. Use the assessment to develop a plan of action for change.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
5. Students will practice concepts of organizing communities and constructing change.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
6. Students will examine and evaluate financial management systems and recommend strategies for monitoring these systems	
YES	NO
Comments:	
7. Students will identify, synthesize and interpret forces that underlie environmental issues using the	

Lakota world view of Mitakuye Oyasin. Determine how people and nature influence and affect environment, community, and curriculum.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
8. Students will analyze and apply the development and implementation process of exercising of tribal rights.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
9. Students will comprehend, interpret, and demonstrate the nature and significance of research, and provide them opportunities for application and implementation of research techniques.	
YES	NO
Comments:	
10. Design, implement and evaluate existing community development circumstances from a Wolakota perspective	
YES	NO
Comments:	