ETHICAL REASONING RUBRIC

Ethical Reasoning: Apply ethical principles and codes of conduct to decision making.

OBJECTIVES (Items in italics below are definitions or examples)	ACCOMPLISHED (4)	SATISFACTORY (3)	PROGRESSING (2)	EMERGING (1)
Identify Ethical Issues	Recognizes ethical issues when presented in a complex, multilayered (gray) context <u>and</u> can recognize interrelationships among the issues.	Recognizes ethical issues when issues are presented in a complex, multilayered (gray) context or can recognize interrelationships among the issues.	but incompletely recognizes the	Recognizes basic and obvious ethical issues but does not recognize the interrelationships among the issues.
Identify Ethical Theories	Names the major ethical theory or theories used, presents the gist of said theory or theories, and thoroughly and accurately explains the details of the theory or theories used.	Names the major ethical theory or theories used, presents the gist of said theory or theories, and accurately explains the details of the theory or theories used.	Names the major ethical theory used, presents the gist of the named theory, but important details are missing or inaccurate.	Names the major ethical theory used.
Apply Ethical Theories	Applies ethical theories to a complex issue accurately and considers the full implications of the application.	Applies ethical theories to a complex issue accurately and considers most of the implications of the application.	inaccurately; some of the implications are	Applies ethical theories to a complex issue inaccurately; few of implications are discussed.
Take and Support an Ethical Position includes assumptions, implications, objections	States a position in-depth and effectively defends against other ethical perspectives.	States a position in-depth and partially defends against other ethical perspectives.	States a position in-depth but cannot defend against other ethical perspectives.	States a position briefly but cannot defend against other ethical perspectives.

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