Task 9: Reflection Letter

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**Role**: Evaluator

**Audience**: Stakeholders

**Format:** Journal

**Task**: Develop a letter in your journal that reflects on your entire evaluation experience.

In Summer 2020, I had the pleasure of taking the course HMSV440W: Program Development, Implementation, and Funding. Throughout this course we completed tasks, assignments, and discussion boards that prepared us to complete a formal evaluation of an agency of our choosing. Completing these tasks and assignments sometimes proved difficult but with the completion of each task and moving forward with the next tasks, leading up to the evaluation itself, the course contents and objectives became clearer. I believe the most important assignment of the semester was ‘[Discussion Question 2’](https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/1647/discussion_topics/294114). In this discussion, we defined stakeholders, who the stakeholders were in the agency of our choosing, and the role they play in our evaluation. I believe this was the most important because before completing our evaluation, it was important to understand why we were completing the evaluation and who would benefit or be at a disadvantage due to the outcome of the evaluation. Throughout this course and with the completion of the evaluation, I believe my learning experience came from discussion boards and the completion of [Task 3](file:///C:\Users\jade.bayless\OneDrive%20-%20Intermountain%20Healthcare\Desktop\ODU\Summer%202022\HMSV%20440W\Task%203.docx), the annotated bibliography. I would also say this is the task that I struggled with the most as I had not completed an annotated bibliography before this course. Although challenging, I believe I was the most successful in providing feedback to my peers in the discussion board forums. This also gave me the opportunity to receive feedback on the work I completed throughout the course. As a Human Services Professional, although I may not conduct evaluations on agencies as a whole, this course will prepare me for the evaluations of the patients I will encounter withing my career field. I believe that this course has benefited me and will affect the work that I do in the future, in fact, in my current work, I am certain that I will be able to apply what I have learned with my peers and through tasks and assignments to the work that I do daily and in the future. Although I have learned a lot and have encountered some challenges, I have learned areas in which I can improve for my future career and in my personal daily life. I have learned to be more productive with my time management and I have learned that I need to improve in the skillset on depending on others. Typically, I try to complete my work on my own, however, completing this course has showed me that in life, as well as in the Human Services Profession, I will have to work closely with others constantly and to allow other enough time to respond to me within a timely fashion and still be able to complete my work by deadlines.