Final Assessment Outline Organizational Change

Competency Name: Organizational Change

Competency Statement: Demonstrate an understanding and application of effective change strategies to enhance business performance.

Summative Assessment Submission Title: Change Management Plan and Change Management Reflection Paper **Competency Objectives:**

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of strategies to implement change.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of strategies to overcome resistance to change.
- 3. Apply an appropriate change strategy to a business scenario to accomplish an organizational change initiative.

Institutional Learning Outcomes: ILO 1 – Applied Learning: Design a project, paper, performance, or other appropriate task linking knowledge skills from work, experiential learning, or community activities with knowledge acquired in academic disciplines.

Purpose of This Assessment

For this assignment, you are expected to demonstrate knowledge of change management and resistance to change. Using what you learned throughout the competency and after conducting your own research, you will create a change management plan that applies Kotter's 8-Step Process for Leading Change to a given scenario.

Items Required for Submission

- **1.** A five- to seven-page APA paper with recommendations for a change management plan directed to company leadership.
- 2. A one-to two-page reflective paper drawing from personal experiences to explain and justify three of the recommendations made in your APA paper.

Step ONE: Preparation

• First, familiarize yourself with the scenario that you will be using for this assessment.

As a mid-level manager within Company X, you have been given the task of establishing a formal code of ethics for administrators for the department you lead. Several of the employees within your department have expressed reluctance about this change initiative. A number of them have been with the company for many years and have seen several change efforts fail, and they don't see value in this one. In a situation like this, it can open up the doors for resistance to change in several ways. Some people like the status quo, because many changes that they've been affected by have failed. Also, when there's a change that comes without stakeholder feedback, there's often little buy-in. There may be a control or fear factor in the minds of some, in thinking about how this change could have an impact them. All of these things—and probably many more—are reasons why people can resist change and may be especially true in this case. Think about how aspects of this scenario have been present in your own professional career, personal experiences, community involvement, etc. In your reflection paper it will be important to justify your recommendations with real-world observations.

- Conduct research on organizational change to support the conclusions you will be making in your paper. You will need to include at least three academic references for this assessment.
 - o In particular, before developing your change plan based on Kotter's 8-Step Process, leadership suggests that you review the following article (and the related articles shown on the page) to broaden your knowledge in the area of codes of ethics for administrators: http://smallbusiness.chron.com/code-ethics-administrators-41901.html.
 - o Go to the <u>Brandman Library</u>. Consider what you learned about and conduct your own research on:
 - Implementing change
 - Overcoming resistance to change

Step TWO: Write an APA Paper

Based on the scenario provided in Step 1, above, write a five- to seven-page APA paper that applies Kotter's model to accomplish the organizational change initiative of a formal code of ethics for administrators for your department. Imagine that your paper will be going to company leadership, so you will need to provide complete coverage for all actions, but briefly and concisely.

- Be sure to describe what actions you would take in each of the eight steps of Kotter's model.
- Include at least three particular strategies to overcome resistance to change.

Step THREE: Write a Reflection Paper

Based on the analysis you made for company leadership, select three of the eight steps to enhance with your personal experiences in your professional career, personal experiences, community involvement, etc. You may include experiences that were successful, challenging, or unique. The goal of this paper is to connect the theoretical steps of Kotter's model to your own experience. This Reflection Paper will not be presented to company leadership.

Step THREE: Complete Checklist for Submission

Before you submit, check to see if you believe you have met the criteria noted below.

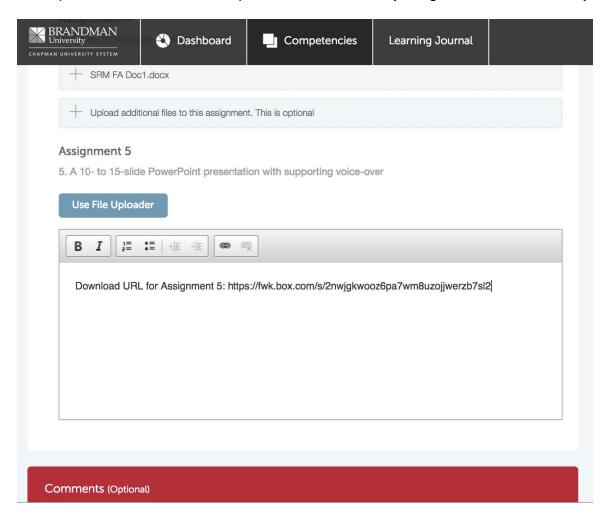
Did you....

- Make a comprehensive application of all steps in Kotter's 8-Step Process for Leading Change?
- Incorporate significant connections between knowledge acquired in the competency and knowledge applied in work, experiential learning, or community activities?
- Include a high-quality discussion of at least three strategies to overcome resistance to change?
- Present clearly stated detailed examples from work, experiential learning, or community activities?
- Use supporting evidence from literature in its field(s), with at least three academically relevant cited sources?
- Describe the knowledge acquired as a result of learning outside the classroom?
- Present a significant number of reflective points of knowledge gained through a project, paper, or performance?
- Proofread tour paper to make sure it is logical, well-written, and the required length; spelling, grammar, and punctuation are accurate; APA formatting standards are followed; citations and reference page are correct?

Step FOUR: Submit Your Work (Items 1 & 2)

Your completed final assessment documents should be submitted through the Final Assessment page of your competency

Please note, for files smaller than 10MB (i.e., most Word documents), use the corresponding "+UPLOAD STUDENT FILE" button to upload your final assessment assignments. For larger files of any type (i.e., voice-over PowerPoint files, videos, or image-heavy documents), please use the optional TEXT EDITOR to provide a URL where your grader can download your final assessment.



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Summative Assessment Rubric: Organizational Change

Criterion	EMERGING (1)	DEVELOPING (2)	PROFICIENT (3)	EXEMPLARY
Leading Change	Application of Kotter's 8- Step Process for Leading Change is evident but needs improvement.	Proper application of some of Kotter's 8- Step Process for Leading Change.	Proper application of most of Kotter's 8- Step Process for Leading Change.	Comprehensive application of all steps in Kotter's 8-Step Process for Leading Change.
Knowledge Link	Student's completed work incorporates either irrelevant or no connections between knowledge acquired in discipline and knowledge applied in work, experiential learning, or community activities.	Student's completed work incorporates at least an accurate connection between knowledge acquired in the course discipline and knowledge applied in work, experiential learning, or community activities.	Student's completed work incorporates some important connections between knowledge acquired in the course discipline and knowledge applied in work, experiential learning, or community activities.	Student's completed work incorporates significant connections between knowledge acquired in the course and knowledge applied in work, experiential learning, or community activities.
Overcoming Resistance to Change	Does not incorporate discussion of strategies to overcome resistance to change or provides discussion that is not clear.	Incorporates discussion of one to two strategies to overcome resistance to change.	Incorporates quality discussion of two to three strategies to overcome resistance to change.	Incorporates quality discussion of at least three strategies to overcome resistance to change.
Explanation	Presents few if any examples from work, experiential learning, or community activities, though components of this explanation may be incomplete or unclear.	Presents examples from work, experiential learning, or community activities, though components of this explanation may be incomplete or unclear.	Presents clearly stated through perhaps not thoroughly detailed examples from work, experiential learning, or community activities.	Presents clearly stated, detailed examples from work, experiential learning, or community activities.
Context Disciplinary Contextualization	Supports relationship of the completed work to literature in its field(s). Either fails to cite academically appropriate sources, or employs irrelevant sources.	Supports relationship of the completed work to literature in its field(s). Employs academically relevant cited sources in the product, though these citations may not be credible.	Discussion supports relationship of the completed work to literature in its field(s). Employs some academically relevant cited sources in the product.	Discussion supports relationship of the completed work to literature in its field (Employs at least three academically relevant cited sources in the product.

Reflection	Description of the	Describes the knowledge	Describes the knowledge	Describes the knowledge
	knowledge acquired	acquired as a result of	acquired as a result of learning	acquired a result of learning
	outside the classroom	learning outside the	outside the classroom.	outside the classroom. In a
	through a project, paper, or	classroom. Presents	Presents in a thoughtful and	thoughtful and thorough
	performance is missing,	knowledge gained through	thorough discussion, some of	discussion, presents a
	confusing, or provides little	a project, paper, or	the knowledge gained through	significant number of reflective
	or no reflective insight or	performance in discussion	a project, paper, or	points of knowledge gained
	analysis.	points. These points may	performance.	through a project, paper, or
		not be expressed clearly.		performance.
Writing	The paper lacks clarity and	The paper is somewhat	The paper is logical, well-	The paper is logical, well-
Mechanics	may be confusing—too	logical and well-written—	written, and the required	written, and the required
	long or short. Numerous	too long or short. Some	length. There may be one or	length. Spelling, grammar, and
	errors in spelling, grammar	errors in spelling, grammar	two minor errors in spelling,	punctuation are accurate. APA
	and/or punctuation. Limited	and/or punctuation. APA	grammar and/or punctuation.	formatting standards are
	if any adherence to APA	standards are somewhat	APA formatting standards are	followed; citations and
	standards.	followed but with numerous	followed with a few minor	reference page are correct.
		errors.	errors.	