Orientation Task – Start Date: May 1st, 2025

**For specific instructions, refer to the task requirements and rubric.** Source citations, including APA style, are not required for this assessment.

**A. Explain why you are attending WGU to complete your college degree and to achieve your academic and career goals.**

I am attending WGU because I am making a career change into data analytics. I felt stunted in my career growth in my last role and have decided to pursue my master’s to find a career path better fitting my wants and needs as a working professional. I want a role in data analytics or data science where I can contribute meaningful work to help others and my community.

I have crafted a SMART goal statement to launch the start of my degree program:

*I will graduate with my MSDA degree in 6 months to make a career change into data analytics. I will complete two courses per month by creating a study plan that dedicates 6 to 8 hours of studying daily while networking with my community and utilizing the resources provided.*

**B.** **Describe your WGU degree program.**

My degree program at WGU is the Master of Science in Data Analytics with a concentration in Data Science.

The program consists of a Data Analytics core with courses in statistics, visualization, programming, and more. In addition to the core courses, the program includes a concentration in Data Science with courses in machine learning, advanced analytics, and optimization. Lastly, there is a capstone project including a proposal, execution, and final report to determine competency while solving a real-world business problem.

**C. Identify one situation in which you would ask your program mentor or instructor for support.**

One situation in which I would ask my program mentor for support is assistance with time management. My goal to complete the program is one term, 6 months; therefore, I would like my mentor to help keep me on track with my courses and dedicated study time throughout the week. I will be committing 40 hours a week as a full-time student, so I would ask my program mentor to work with me on a study plan to complete my program in my desired timeline.

**D. Identify one WGU tool or resource other than your WGU program mentor or instructor that will support your academic success.**

The mental health counseling resource is one WGU tool supporting my academic success. Although I’m motivated and eager to work through my degree, I can acknowledge the stress and anxiety that come along with full-time studies. I hope to utilize mental health counseling to guide me through stress and anxiety management.

**E.**

*Note: You can either type out your plan to study or use the included blank study schedule.*

I will be a full-time MSDADS student, allocating 40 hours a week to studying.

I am considerate of my mental and physical health; therefore, I will be allocating time to mental breaks, gym, eating, and sleep.

**Sundays:** 2.5 hrs

**Mondays:** 7 hrs

**Tuesdays:** 7 hrs

**Wednesday:** 6.5 hrs

**Thursdays:** 7 hrs

**Fridays:** 7 hrs

**Saturday:** 3 hrs

Total: 40 hrs

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