Assessment Rubric 4: Design Investigation

CRITERIA	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Initiating (Identifying a problem)	Demonstrates limited understanding of the task	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the task	Demonstrates an understanding of the task	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the task
Planning	Requires significant assistance to develop a workable plan	Requires some assistance to develop a workable plan	Develops a workable plan	Develops a thorough and flexible plan
Carrying Out the Plan (Building)	Requires significant assistance to follow the plan	Requires some assistance to follow the plan	Follows the plan while developing the product	Adapts the plan while developing the product
	With significant assistance uses tools, equipment and materials correctly	With some assistance uses tools, equipment and materials correctly	Uses tools, equipment and materials correctly and with only occasional assistance	Independently uses tools, equipment and materials correctly
	Requires constant reminders to follow safety procedures	Requires some reminders to follow safety procedures	Follows safety procedures with only occasional lapses	Routinely follows safety procedures
	Requires significant assistance to modify the plan	Requires some prompting to modify the plan	Appropriately modifies the plan as new learning is acquired	Incorporates new learning in a conscious way to improve the plan
Testing	Conducts insufficient testing on the product	Conducts some simple tests on the product	Conducts appropriate and sufficient texts on the product	Conducts exhaustive testing on the product
Recording	Records insufficient data and often omits units of measure	Records some data but may omit appropriate units of measure or be disorganized	Records data using appropriate units of measure in an organized manner	Systematically records data using appropriate units of measure
Evaluating	Conducts intermittent analysis of data; analysis does not always relate to data	Conducts limited analysis of the data	Conducts some analysis of the data; may modify the product based on the analysis	Thoroughly analyzes the data; modifies the product appropriately, based on the analysis
Communicating	Displays some information but without clear organization	Displays information but may lack organization	Displays information in an organized way	Displays information in a skillfully organized way
	Provides incomplete and confusing explanations	Provides explanations that are partially complete and correct	Provides explanations that are generally correct but lack detail or completeness	Provides explanations that are correct and detailed