Language use

The written and/or spoken language is at least B2 level (Years 1 & 2 - PPA & PD 2A/2B) or C1 level (Years 3 & 4 - PD 3A/3B, 4A/4B), with appropriate use of academic language and style conventions.

What is B2 / C1 level?

B1 (inadequate)	B2 (adequate for years 1 & 2)	C1 (adequate for years 3 & 4)
Text/speech is connected and	Text / speech is generally well	Text / speech is well organised
coherent, but uses only basic	organised and coherent, using a	and coherent, using a variety of
linking words and a limited	variety of linking words and	cohesive devices and
number of cohesive devices.	cohesive devices.	organisational patterns to
• Contributions are mostly relevant,	Contributions are relevant and	generally good effect.
with some repetition.	there is very little repetition.	Contributions are relevant and
Uses only simple grammatical	Uses a range of simple and some	generally well developed.
forms with control.	complex grammatical forms with	Uses a range of simple and
Relies on a range of	a good degree of control.	complex grammatical forms with
frequent/everyday vocabulary to	 Uses a range of everyday 	control and flexibility.
talk about familiar topics, while	vocabulary appropriately to	 Uses a range of vocabulary,
occasionally overusing certain	express their view of a range of	including less common lexis,
lexis.	familiar topics, with only	appropriately.
Errors are noticeable, but	occasional inappropriate use of	Occasional errors may be present
meaning can be determined with	less common lexis.	but do not impede
some effort.	Errors do not impede	communication.
	communication.	

What are academic language and style conventions?

- Formal: avoids use of colloquial words and expressions (straattaal), such as "kids" or "mates", and abbreviations, such as "etc." or "aka"; avoids offensive or biased language.
- Precise: avoids vague or general language, such as "things" or "loads of"; uses exact figures where possible.
- Focused: only relevant information is included and is presented in a concise manner.
- Well organized: there should be a clear title page with all relevant information (name, student number, module, internship school, internship mentor, internship supervisor, PD tutor); there should be clear sub-headings and paragraphs (sub-paragraphs should be avoided); information should be presented in a logical and consistent order.
- Objective: where possible, the work should focus on the information to be conveyed rather than a personal story, when analyzing source material, for example; avoids being accusatory or judgmental.
- Referenced: provides references for sources used according to APA guidelines both in-text and in a reference list at the end of the document.