Final Paper

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Overview

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate a solid comprehension of concepts described in the text and discussed in class, as well as the ability to integrate the concepts into your own ideas and experiences. The paper is research oriented, therefore not reflective or personal in nature (no “I” statements) and will be written on a specific human services field or population of your choosing based on your interests.

The paper should contain four parts all described below in more detail. It is recommended that the four parts be split into sections with separate headers, per APA style to help the paper flow better and show clear lines of transition.

Format

Papers should be at least 4 full pages in length, but no more than 5 pages maximum (not including your cover page and reference page). APA style must be used (double spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, cover page, reference page, in-text citations, etc.) with regard to format, professional language and proper crediting of sources. Only one block format quote can be used in the paper. The paper must utilize at least 4 professional sources (books, peer-reviewed journal articles, etc) other than the course book. It is recommended to utilize the MVCC library database or the librarians on campus to find sources. Do not use more than one website and only reliable websites such as.edu, or .gov websites will be accepted (no .com or .org).

Topic Examples

Mental Health Diagnosis
Domestic Violence
Substance Use Disorders
LGBTQ+
Disabilities
Veterans
Children
Geriatric
HIV/AIDS
Grief & Loss

Due Dates

Nov 2nd • Rough Draft

Nov 11th • Final Draft
• **Section 1: Relevant Overview.** Include information regarding the population you chose. For instance if you chose “Depression”, give an overview of the diagnosis, how it impairs someone and what its symptoms look like.

• **Section 2: Multicultural Considerations.** Explain any discrepancies or differences within different cultures. Use our cultural competency chapter to relate back to your topic. Using the Depression example, are there any cultures that are more prone to depression than others? Or do we see certain ethnicities not obtaining help for depression? Explain barriers to obtaining services. Possibly find a study that proves this or explains why.

• **Section 3: Legal/Ethical Issues.** Utilize the ethics chapter to explain specific legal/ethical issues that may arise when working with the population you chose. For example, with depression you see high rates of suicide, which brings up the legal/ethical issues of breaking confidentiality. Explain this concept and why it is allowed.

• **Section 4: Best Practices.** Find information regarding how to work best with this population in the human services field. For example, you might explain that depression is best treated with medications (anti-depressants), psychotherapies with a mental health professional, or perhaps mindfulness and meditation.

All students may utilize a Learning Commons writing tutor (NOT A CONTENT TUTOR) for assistance with the rough draft of their completed full paper. Students are responsible for scheduling an appointment with the Learning Commons for this tutorial service in a timely manner. They are limited in appointments, so do not wait until the last minute to schedule.

To make an appointment with a writing tutor, go to [https://www.mvcc.edu/learning-center/tutor-appointments-online](https://www.mvcc.edu/learning-center/tutor-appointments-online). From the college homepage, select “Current Students” then the tutor shortcut button. Appointments can be set up in-person in the Learning Commons (IT 129) or over the phone 315-792-5517 during office hours.

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**Grading**

This project will be worth 20% of your overall grade for the course and has multiple due dates throughout the semester via BlackBoard only. Late submissions will not be accepted for credit, except for the final draft submission, which will have a penalty of 5 points per day that it is late.