

Concept Research Paper

GCP Objectives: Self Awareness and Knowledge

Points of value: 25 pts

Due dates: (please refer to your syllabus)

- Sections 1 & 2: (please refer to your syllabus)
- Sections 3 & 4: (please refer to your syllabus)
- Final Paper: (please refer to your syllabus)

This individual paper will be a formal research paper written based upon the research you have done for your global citizens assignment group presentation. In this paper you will identify and research a behavioral health or health disparity facing a specific population of citizens. Through this assignment, students must identify a specific population of peoples and a specific health problem where we see a health inequity. Students must research this problem to determine the extent of the problem, and how this problem can impact the functioning of individuals and communities. Student must also identify the possible causes of the problem and choose a set of variables to address. They must use this researched information, their accumulation of knowledge gained throughout the class, and their analysis of the state of the problem to identify some strategies behavioral health practitioners can do to mitigate this disparity. Students will write up their results in the format of a research paper (10 pages minimum). Resources used for the paper should be primarily published articles and book chapters. ***Please do not depend on information obtained only from the internet as this information is frequently not verified, and is inappropriate for an academic paper.***

Your paper will be written up in sections, each section turned in separately throughout the semester so you can receive feedback on your final paper before submission. These individual sections will not be graded, but you will receive critical feedback that you are expected to incorporate into your final papers which will reflect 25% of your grade for the class. The written paper should:

- be of high quality;
- reflect critical thinking (in other words, consider whether your source material makes sense, has validity, etc., don't just swallow hook-line-and-sinker everything you read);
- have sufficient depth and breadth;
- have a clear, easy-to-understand writing style;
- and have a logical, easy-to-follow organization and flow.

PAPER OUTLINE:

SECTIONS 1 & 2

1. Title Page

- a. Student name
- b. Proposal or paper title
- c. Professor and name of the class

- 2. Introduction** in which the disparity being presented is DEFINED and a brief argument is made as to why the problem you identified is IMPORTANT and how it is a disparity for the population you have selected.

SECTIONS 3 & 4

- 3. Literature Review:** Here you provide a very detailed review of the relevant literature with proper REFERENCING. You should focus on the following:
 - Quality references adequate to support your writing (e.g. current professional journals, major newspapers or sources available at reputable websites).
 - A logical, well-organized presentation of the literature
 - Objective discussion of the issue being presented (citing various positions, pros/cons; other alternatives considered etc).
- 4. Interpretation:** This section is where you can be creative. You can talk about your own personal perspective about the paper topic. You can talk about your own personal experience with the paper topic in your family or your circle of friends and how it affected you. You can provide additional information that you think is important to the paper but doesn't have another place to put it. You can include a diagram, or pictures or table/graph. Whatever you think will help to make your paper more interesting and personal.

SECTIONS 5 & 6

- 5. Comprehensive Plan:** In this section you present the comprehensive plan you have developed to address the health disparity issue you chose. You can focus on the plan you developed for your group presentation, but can also add to it or adapt it if you have independent ideas not yet presented.
- Develop a **Conclusion and Implications section** to tie together what you have found in your research of this topic. Articulate in this section some conclusions and implications for what you found based on what you found in your research and on the info you provided in the interpretation section.

NOTES:

- Proper referencing and appropriate use of grammar, punctuation, spelling and paragraphing are expected.
- Double space formatting is expected, using 12 inch font and one inch margins
- Number your pages and use a header or footer to identify your name
- Expected length of the proposal is 10-12 pages, inclusive of title page and list of references
- **IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITING THE PAPER MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ME.**

I recommend any student who isn't familiar with the Writing Studio at USF to make an appointment to visit them early in the semester, or at least take a look at their website:

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/writing/>

The following are examples of references in APA style.

- Article from the Web:

Noonan, D. (2008, November 1). No insurance. That's a killer. *Newsweek*. Retrieved November 10, 2008, from <http://www.newsweek.com/id/166854>

- Book Chapter:

Wood, B. L., & Miller, B. D. (2005). Families, health and illness: The search for mechanisms within a systems paradigm. In W. M. Pinsof & J. Lebow (Eds.), *Family psychology: The art of the science* (pp. 493-520). New York: Oxford Press.

- Journal article:

Frank, A. W. (2008). Generous medicine: Complexity, responsibility, and the simplest questions. *Families, Systems & Health, 26*, 317-327.