

Health Care Career Paper Instructions

HSC 0003, Introduction to Health Care
Health Sciences and Related Studies
Miami Dade College-Medical Campus

The purpose of your Health Care Career Paper is to research your Health Care Profession, conduct an “inner-view” to learn more about your profession and write an reflection sharing your personal experience of what brought you to wanting to pursue your profession as well as your career path.

Part 1- Choose either 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 for Part 1.

Find the area that you have chosen below and be sure to include the points below the area in your paper.

1. JOB DESCRIPTION

- Describe the care/service provided by the healthcare professional.
- Describe the limits of authority and responsibility and the legislated scope of practice for this health care career.
- Describe two or three of the “Code of Ethics” of your health care profession.

2. EDUCATION /REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION

- Describe the educational requirements for the profession.
- Identify at least two different educational institutions offering the program.
- State how much time it takes to complete the program at each institution.
- Describe the approximate cost for each of the educational institutions.
- What is the minimum degree or certification that can be earned for this health care career?
- Identify the required professional certifications or registrations

3. JOB OUTLOOK AND EMPLOYMENT

- What is the job availability for this profession?
- How many jobs are expected to become available?
- Growth trends in the field: How much is the profession growing?
- Salaries – both entry level and with experience

4. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Local, state, or national professional organizations and membership costs as a student.
- Professional journal and cost.
- Are Continuing Educational Units (CEUs) required for this profession?
 - o How many and how often?

Part 2-Conduct an Interview

Conduct a personal “inner-view” with a Health Care Professional of your choice to learn more about your chosen career. Please cite the name of your interviewee and their place of employment.

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEW-“INNER-VIEW”

- Identify a health care professional in your chosen career. If you need help, reach out to your professor.
- Conduct an interview with the health care professional (in-person by phone or virtually).
- How would they describe a typical day at work?
- What advice would they give you as you enter the profession?

Part 3- Reflection

PERSONAL CAREER PLAN

- Reflect on how you see yourself “fitting” into this profession. What are your attributes, experiences or influences?
- Describe your personal career plan.

SOURCES, ORGANIZATION, FORMAT, SPELLING & GRAMMAR

SOURCES

- Cite at least 3 substantial references.
- References must be correctly cited in your References in APA 7th edition format.

ORGANIZATION, FORMAT, SPELLING, GRAMMAR

- A Cover Page
A Reference Page
- All pages are numbered
- Body of the paper is one to two paragraphs per section
- Length of the body of the paper is three to four pages
- Times New Roman 12-point font or another APA-approved font
- One-inch margins, double-space, left justification
- Indent paragraphs
- No lists, bullets, graphics, tables, or pictures
- Work is to be expressed in paragraph form only
- Include a minimum of 3 different sources of information (books, professional journal articles, electronic sources, websites, etc)
 - Wikipedia is not acceptable as a reference

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