

PROFILE OF UNDERGRADUATE WRITING IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (CHHS)

Typical Writing in Nursing

- **In-class writing:** written response to controversial health-related editorial, ethical issue, or thought-provoking event.
- **Concept map** connecting complexities involving the care of critically ill patients.
- **Reflection piece** that fosters critical inquiry, process learning at culmination of clinical experience, increases understanding of clinical practices and theoretical approaches, and promotes linking thought and action to concept and practice.
- **Position paper** defending a position, developing reasoning skills, promoting analysis of multiple relationships, and considering multiple perspectives applied to health-related issues involving controversy and ethical/legal dilemma.
- **Research critique** of nursing research paper, examining components of research process, i.e., literature review, methodology, results, and discussion.
- **Patient teaching plan** related to patient diagnosis and patient's knowledge deficits that documents potential problems.
- **Nursing philosophy** that incorporates and integrates personal values and personal concept of caring, articulates personal moral and political consciousness using systems approach to nursing process, and realizes value of nursing theory and research.
- **Patient charting:** Legal record of nursing care observations, interventions, patient responses, medication administration, patient education, transfer summaries, discharge planning, incident reports and changes to plan of care.

WRITING-INTENSIVE (WI) COURSES

NURSING

HHS 465 – Examination and Integration of Professional/Healthcare Issue

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

HHS 465 – Examination and Integration of Professional/Healthcare Issue

GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

HHS 465 – Examination and Integration of Professional/Healthcare Issue

SOCIAL WORK

SOCW 471 – Research in Social Work

The WI Requirement

Section size is limited to 35; 3500+ words of graded writing across two or more assignments; detailed feedback on draft with opportunity to revise; class time devoted to detailed instruction on writing assignments; revision not required but recommended on short assignments.

Typical Writing in Social Work, Health Administration and Policy, and Global and Community Health

- **Case report:** Written assessment and/or evaluation with recommended interventions using accepted standards of care, focusing on interplay between client and environment using observation and analysis that demonstrates an understanding of the functioning of the individual within family, community, neighborhood, and culture, which affects individual client actions, beliefs, and choices.
- **Paper for publication** written according to social work discipline publishing guidelines in APA format.
- **Research critique** of health administration research paper that examines the components of the research process, i.e., literature review, methodology, results, and discussion.
- **Career project:** detailed account of project completed during internship, such as working on the YMCA Childhood Obesity Intervention Program.
- **Mission statement analysis (SWAT analysis)** of observations and assessment of agency mission statement.
- **Case management issue paper:** analysis of leadership within agency according to assignment guidelines.

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