

SAMPLE Gen Ed *Signature Assignment*

Ethics in the Health Care Industry

In the health care industry ethics and ethical behaviors is an essential part to one's professional practice. Ethics can be defined as what is "morally right or wrong; a standard of how one should behave". Morals are beliefs of what is correct and not correct based on our family, religion, and society influences. Although ethics are personal, they are also decided upon by professional or governmental organizations. Ethics can also be called "Grey Areas" because there are often times when there is no clear right or wrong choice.

For your project, you need to pick a healthcare related ethical issue that interests you; research both sides of the issue, form your own opinion about the issue, and present it to the class. Your paper must meet the following requirements:

- Students are to select a topic. (Suggestions include: Euthanasia for the terminally ill. Treatment for client's with a poor prognosis--should insurance and/or hospitals pay? Should individuals with a known genetic disorder or trait have children? Pros and Cons of Genetic Engineering Stem cell research.)
 - **Topic must be approved by the instructor.**
- Research the topic. You must use and cite at least 5 documented sources (minimum of 3 referred scholarly journals or books and 2 quality internet references within the last 5 years.)
- Include at least one diagram, figure, table, or chart.
- Text must include the following:
 - Introduce and outline your ethical issue, why is it an ethical issue
 - One side of the issue
 - The other side of the issue
 - Your opinion of the issue (concluding paragraph)
- 3-5 pages written in APA format
- Prepare two copies of your final paper. One will be submitted to your instructor. The other will be for your personal use in presenting the information you have gathered in your research.
- You will present your ethics project to the class. To obtain full presentation points, use of technology in your presentation is required.

Grading will be as follows:

80 pts Written paper – see rubric

20 pts Presentation to include technology – see rubric

Ethics Project Written Paper Grading Rubric: 80 points possible

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Journal Article Vocabulary Assignment					
Criterion	Not competent	Developing competence	Minimally competent	Competent	Points Possible
Paper adequately explains both sides of a medical ethics topic	Paper is inadequate; not clearly explaining both sides	Paper explains only one side of the debate	Paper explains both sides of topic but not backed by adequate research	Paper clearly defines both sides or topic and adequately backed by research	50
	0 -20 points	20-35 points	40-45 points	50	
Paper is well organized and includes an introduction, body, and summarizing paragraph	Paper is difficult to follow and does not include an introduction or summary	Paper is missing an introduction, body, or summary	Paper contains introduction, body, and summary, but is unclear	Paper is well organized and contains an introduction, body, and summarizing paragraph	10
	0-3 points	4-6 points	7-9 points	10 points	
Document is free of spelling and grammatical errors Adherence to APA format	Multiple spelling and/or grammatical mistakes	4-9 spelling or grammatical errors	1-3 spelling or grammatical errors	No errors in spelling or grammar	5
	0 points	1-6 points	7-9 points	10 points	
A minimum of 2 internet and 3 refereed journals or books are included for reference	No references included	Less than 5 references included and/or references are of poor quality	Appropriate number of references, but of poor quality	Three internet and 2 refereed journal or book references are provided	5
	0 points	1-5 points	6-9 points	10 points	
					Total _____

Scoring Rubric for Oral Presentations:

Category	Scoring Criteria	Total Points	Score
Organization (3 points)	The type of presentation is appropriate for the topic and audience.	1	
	Information is presented in a logical sequence.	1	
	Presentation appropriately cites requisite number of references.	1	
Content (12 points)	Introduction is attention-getting, lays out the problem well, and establishes a framework for the rest of the presentation.	1	
	Technical terms are well-defined in language appropriate for the target audience.	2	
	Presentation contains accurate information.	3	
	Material included is relevant to the overall message/purpose.	2	
	Appropriate amount of material is prepared, and points made reflect well their relative importance.	2	
	There is an obvious conclusion summarizing the presentation.	2	
Presentation (8 points)	Speaker maintains good eye contact with the audience and is appropriately animated (e.g., gestures, moving around, etc.).	1	
	Speaker uses a clear, audible voice.	1	
	Delivery is poised, controlled, and smooth.	1	
	Good language skills and pronunciation are used.	1	
	Visual aids are well prepared, informative, effective, and not distracting.	1	
	Length of presentation is within the assigned time limits.	1	
	Information was well communicated.	2	
Score	Total Points	20	