

ASSIGNMENT

2a. MASUS Opinion Piece

Description

In collaboration with the Learning Centre, students are required to undertake a short diagnostic writing task and assessed using the MASUS Procedure: Measuring the Academic Skills of University Students (Bonanno and Jones 2007).

Note: Rather than a test of knowledge, this writing assessment aims to measure the following skills and competency:

1. Use of source material - information retrieval and processing
2. Structure and development of answer
3. Control of writing- use of appropriate writing style
4. Grammatical correctness

TOPIC

What role can Australian Pharmacists play in disasters?

In recent months, the needs of fire affected communities have again highlighted the role of pharmacists in the safe use and availability of medicines. The accessibility of the community pharmacy network throughout Australia, especially regional and remote areas, provides a unique platform for supporting a community and individuals at the time of natural disaster.

https://sydney.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/61USYD_INST/1hsjsp4/gale_hrca609782098

“More than 40 roles for pharmacists in disasters have been identified in a new study, which also recommends that pharmacy bodies provide specialist training and advocate for supportive disaster pharmacy legislation.”

Ann Winkle MPS and Jennifer Cooke Australian Pharmacist, January 22, 2020

<https://www.australianpharmacist.com.au/roles-for-pharmacists-disasters/>

NB this is an opinion piece

Word limit

250 to 300 words maximum. The text should be double spaced with a 3cm margin on each side and use a 12 point font size.

Due Date: Monday Mar 9, 2020 9:00

Further Resources:

A short search will reveal many articles and reports in the past 6 months. Here is an example of a few.

Video : <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/amid-the-ruins-of-the-nsw-bushfires-this-pharmacist-is-keeping-his-doors-open>

Articles:

Landmark Special Authority for NSW Residents Affected by Bushfires to Access Essential Medicines Without a Prescription <https://www.psa.org.au/landmark-special-authority/>

How community pharmacies rose to the bushfire challenge: Forefront Date: 15 January 2020:
https://www.guild.org.au/news-events/news/forefront/v10n01/how-community-pharmacies-rose-to-the-bushfire-challenge?_cldee=am9jZWx5bmJ1c3NpbmdAZ21haWwuY29t&recipientid=lead-eb1ff32b06a1e41194022c44fd7e3c9c-abeb8dda72f74e8085d5e01bba57dd2b&esid=58fd512d-2037-ea11-a813-000d3a7946d7