

HLT 3306 – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Instructions for Essay #1

The essay assignment is worth fifty (50) points and will be scored according to the rubric on the next page. Essays are due Sunday, September 20, 2020, by 11:59 pm. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

TOPICS:

Select **ONE** of the three topics below and address the topic using one or both of the questions below the topic as your guide for content:

- **Environmental Health in a Technology-driven Society**
 - Is technology improving or damaging the health of the general public?
 - What technological approaches are being implemented in health care that have strong supporters and strong critics?
- **The Impact of Epidemiology on Environmental Health**
 - Does it help or cause panic when information about outbreaks are made public?
 - What are the benefits to health when environmental epidemiology strategies are used?
- **Health Risks and Exposure to Toxic Chemicals**
 - How do toxins affect the human system?
 - What are short- and long-term health outcomes from exposure to specific chemicals?

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Your final product should be formatted the same as a standard essay, using double-spacing, a size 12 font (Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri), a one-inch page margin (on all sides), and it should include an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- ✓ Your essay must be a minimum of three (3) pages and a maximum of five (5) double-spaced pages, excluding references and title page.
- ✓ Use a separate title page with your name and chosen essay title, and start your reference list on a new page.
- ✓ Your essay title should be the same as the topic you select (only the **bold** words above).
- ✓ Make sure to follow the basic essay writing format of: 1) Introduction – to establish a foundation for the topic or issue, 2) Body – content section; providing details about the topic, and 3) Conclusion – summarize your major points (always remember to include *implications for the health professions* in your conclusion; give a call to action or a recommendation about how to address the topic or issue in the future).
- ✓ In addition to references to the textbook chapters, your essay will include at least two (2) additional primary-source references (i.e. peer-reviewed journals or scholarly books). The only acceptable websites are official government websites and they must be properly cited.
- ✓ Your in-text citations and reference list should be in American Psychological Association (APA), 6th edition. Visit the OWL website for more information about how to use APA formatting: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

GRADING RUBRIC FOR ESSAY:

CRITERION	D	C	B	A
Completeness (20 points)	Does not address the topic or follow instructions	Addresses a portion of the & follows some of the instructions	Addresses the topic but does not follow all instructions	Directly addresses the topic and follows all instructions
Knowledge/ Application (20 points)	Key course concepts and terms not used, or not applied correctly	Key course concepts and terms used incorrectly or seldom applied correctly	Key course concepts and terms used and applied sufficiently throughout answer	Key course concepts and terms used correctly and applied exceptionally well throughout answer
Writing Skills (10 points)	Ineffective introduction, body, or conclusion; gross grammar, sentence structure, spelling, or punctuation errors	Appropriate introduction, body, and conclusion; frequent grammar, sentence structure, spelling, or punctuation errors	Appropriate introduction, body, and conclusion; few grammar, sentence structure, spelling, or punctuation errors	Excellent introduction, body, and conclusion; no grammar, sentence structure, spelling, or punctuation