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Assignments: Topics Paper, Ethical Issue:

Choose a current and controversial ethical issue in nursing. This issue must have pros and cons; if it does not then the topic is not appropriate for this assignment. The paper will use strict 7th edition APA format and is graded using the rubric. The paper must be written in an unbiased manner with the intent to educate the patient/family to make an educated decision in their care. You are presenting reliable research to the patient so they can make their final care decision. You are not trying to sway them, but give them their best chance to succeed.

- Final introductory paragraph due in **Week 5** and completed ethical issue paper due in **Week 8**.
- Both assignments are due by Sunday at 11:59pm MT.
- Rubrics for each of these assignments can be found in Canvas and attached below.

Possible Assignment Topics:

- Euthanasia or Physician Assisted Suicide (not the same thing)
- Organ Transplant
- Fetal tissue harvesting or stem cell research
- Abortion
- In-vitro fertilization
- Genetically engineered or GMO foods
- Vaccines; consider the difference between forced, voluntary and selective vaccinations
- Infant circumcision
- Adult removal of amalgam fillings or wisdom teeth
- Hormone therapy on transgender kids
- Use of medical marijuana
- E-cigarettes as an alternative to smoking
- Natural food flavors vs. artificial food flavors. Did you know natural strawberry flavor comes from beaver castor sacs?
- Role of food coloring on child development & behavior?
- Embryonic tissue used as a food enhancer or in beauty products?

Missed Course Work:

Make up assignments need to be completed within 7 days of original scheduled time or due date. Any assignment not completed within that time frame will receive a '0' for that assignment unless prior approval obtained. **For unexcused absences**, up to 10% will be deducted off the grade before grade posted.

Absences & No Call/No Show:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled course hours. Students are responsible for all announcements, handouts, and other course requirements, including examinations. Please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook for the College's attendance policy.

Classroom Policies:

Students are required to adhere to the college's student conduct code. Any violation of academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) will result in a '0' for the given assignment and are subject to direct counseling and reporting by faculty. We are forming an Academic Community. As Professional Nurses you must adhere to professional standards, beginning with Respect and Courtesy for ALL. More information regarding DCN mission, policies, courses, and the student code of conduct may be found at:

https://www.denvercollegeofnursing.edu/content/dam/denver/compliance/Denver_CON_Catalog.pdf

NUR 358 ASSIGNMENT: WEEK 5
ETHICAL ISSUE INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH RUBRIC

INTRODUCTION	Possible	Earned
Main topic is introduced and structure of paper is described and gives reader an idea of what to expect in the paper.	10	
Clearly states that the paper will present the pros and cons of the ethical issue.		
At least 5-7 sentences in length, not to exceed 1/2 of the page.		
Information presented in an <u>unbiased</u> manner. You are the nurse educator bring evidence-based research for and against your issue to educate your patient to make an informed decision. Do not pick a topic that is not well researched on both sides.		
RESEARCH		
Briefly introduce your research.	5	
Present at least two professional, credible and reliable sources; one pro and one con in your introductory paragraph		
Sources must be reliable and credible, written within last 10 years		
FORMAT		
Introduction is free of spelling and grammatical errors.	5	
Title page, introduction paragraph and reference page formatted accurately with headers and page numbers.		
The reference page is in alphabetical order and uses correct APA format.		
The introduction <u>must have</u> in-text citations to support the information in APA format where sources are introduced.		
Submit in doc or docx format for editing		
Total Points	20	

Overall Comments: Students, keep in mind that the purpose of this assignment is to research both sides of a sensitive ethical issue that may arise. You must present the material as you would to your patient giving thorough information on both sides so the patient/family can make an educated decision. The presentation must remain unbiased and not reveal your personal opinion on the subject.

***It is expected that feedback on APA be integrated into the Week 8 final paper.**

*****SmarThinking* will be required for the Week 8 final paper submission, so plan ahead. Please see the Week 8 rubric for further explanation.**

***This syllabus is subject to change at any time.**

NUR 358 RESEARCH PAPER: WEEK 8 ETHICAL ISSUE RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

CONTENT	Possible	Earned
Describe the role of the nurse with this ethical issue. Explain why it is important for nurses to educate themselves on ethical issues in nursing. Explain why it is important for a nurse to remain unbiased and supportive regardless of the decision made by the patient.	20	
Information on pros and cons of your ethical issue is presented in logical sequence/structure. Information reflects summarization in an unbiased manner. You are the nurse educator bring evidence-based research for and against your issue to educate your patient to make an informed decision. Do not pick a topic that is not well researched on both sides.	20	
RESEARCH		
Research the <i>American Nurses Association (ANA): Code of Ethics for Nurses</i> and discuss the nurse's responsibility to the patient. What are the implications of the ANA's position on ethical issues and relate it to nursing practice.	10	
Sources must be reliable and credible, written within last 10 years	5	
Present at least 3 professional references, may include your textbook.	5	
FORMAT		
Paper is minimum 3 pages, excluding the title and reference page; Submit in Word, docx format for grading/editing. Paper is coherently organized and the logic is easy to follow. Paragraphs must be well developed and flow in thought. There is no spelling or grammatical errors and terminology is clearly defined. Writing is clear and concise.	5	
7 th edition APA format is used for each page: Title, introduction, body, conclusion, and references. Divide rubric requirements using clear organizational headers throughout the paper.	5	
The reference page is in alphabetical order and uses correct 7 th edition APA format. Each reference must have in-text citations to show where the information was integrated (summary or quote) to avoid plagiarism.	5	
In-text citations must support research and be in 7 th edition APA format. Use in-text citations for all summarization and quotations. Quotations all have paragraph or p. #'s to show where you obtained the quote.	5	
*Papers must be submitted to a <i>SmarThinking</i> tutor under the 'Learning Resources' link. You need to select "Submit My Writing" and then "Grammar and Documentation Review." Let your tutor know you are using the 7 th edition APA format and attach the rubric. There is a 24-48 hour turnaround for feedback. Once you receive feedback use that to improve your final paper format before submission. To prove you utilized this resource, you must submit tutor feedback with your final paper submission for comparison under Week 8. Your final paper will not be accepted without this. Late penalties may apply.		
Total Points	80	

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