

COLLEGE RESEARCH PAPER
GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
MEDICAL/NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPT.
Trinity Valley Community College

These courses require College Research Papers for course completion: (Each instructor will assign the grading weight of the paper: (Note: Any instructor can require a research paper in any course.)

- NURA 1401 – Nurse Aide for Healthcare (CNA)
- PLAB 1323 – Phlebotomy (Basic Course)
- NURA 1307 – Body Systems
- POFM – Medical Administrative Support
- HPRS 1205 –Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals
- MDCA 1317—Procedures in a Clinical Setting
- GERS 1340 – Treatment Modalities (Rehabilitation/Restorative)
- HITT 1249 -- Pharmacology

Topics: Topics will be determined by you and/or your instructor. (There is a possible short list below)

Paper Requirements:

1. Paper must be typed: 3 to 5 pages (to be determined by the instructor)

Grading: The instructor will grade the papers and determine the percentage of the grade for course completion.

- Papers copied from published materials or from another student will earn the grade of “0”. Should a grade of “0” be questioned, it is the responsibility of the student to prove the origin of the information.
- Papers submitted to satisfy the requirement for more than one course will receive a grade of “0”.
- Content information--related to the course (correct, current, source documentation, etc.)
- Cover Sheet: *Course Name *Student’s Name *Date *Instructor’s Name *Paper Topic Title
- Body: * Sentence structure/Grammar *Paragraph structure *Spelling *Punctuation
- Format: * Cover page * Introductory section * body of paper/supporting information *Conclusion *Resource Page (Sites of information)

Writing Assistance:

- ***It is recommended that all students get assistance.*** Developing the writing skills is the student’s responsibility
- It is highly recommended that students who take the TABE and score below high school completion level use a support system to avoid being at risk of failure.
- **Your course instructor WILL NOT instruct students on “how to write a paper”.** Your course instructor will guide you in topic selection and will be grading your paper with consideration to the research information and the professionalism of the paper.
- Writing guidance is available to you:
 1. Enrollment in the Writing/Math Center through the TVCC Community Services Department (enroll at the Community Services Dept. by February 1, 2014). This Center works directly with your instructor. 903-675-6212
 2. CARDINAL SUCCESS CENTER – Room 320 Baugh Building – Athens Campus
 3. Counseling Center Kaufman Campus – 972-932-4309 X 5721
 4. Counseling Center Palestine Campus – 930-729-0256 X 5721
 5. Counseling Center Terrell Campus – 972-563-9573 X 4904

IDEAS FOR ENTRY LEVEL MEDICAL RESEARCH PAPERS (Instructors/students do not have to select these topics)

1. The importance of immunizations for the medical student/employee
2. The new Affordable Care Act – new government sponsored medical insurance program
3. The reasoning behind the requirement of electronic medical records that are shared
4. How to increase your chances of being hired in a medical related job
5. How to prepare for a job interview
6. Right to Live/Right to die (This topic can only be used by medical Law & Ethics students)
7. State regulation of nurse aide certification by the Texas Department of Aging and Regulatory Services
8. Steps to being a successful teammate in a medical employment environment
9. Importance of HIPPA law (This topic can only be used by medical Law & Ethics students)
10. What is “Medical Coding” and why it is used
11. Abortion (This topic can only be used by medical Law & Ethics students)
12. OSHA standards for medical offices/clinics
13. Advanced Medical Directives
14. Symptoms of and treating shock
15. Sterile Procedures/techniques
16. Diabetes
17. Steps in taking a blood pressure
18. Maintaining Medical Asepsis
19. The contagious process
20. Parasites
21. Viral Infections