**INFLUENCING HEALTH POLICY**

Module 1 Discussion

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 ***Nursing & Health-Care-Policy***

Analyze the history, structure, and process of health-care-policy and politics in nursing and the health care delivery systems in the United States.

**Submission Instructions:**

* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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**Grading Rubric**

Your assignment will be graded according to the grading rubric.

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| **Discussion Rubric** | | | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | | | | **Points** |
| Identification of Main Issues, Problems, and Concepts | **Distinguished - 5 points** Identify and demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the issues, problems, and concepts. | **Excellent - 4 points** Identifies and demonstrate an accomplished understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts. | **Fair - 2 points** Identifies and demonstrate an acceptable understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts. | **Poor - 1 point** Identifies and demonstrate an unacceptable understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts. | 5 points |
| Use of Citations, Writing Mechanics and APA Formatting Guidelines | **Distinguished - 3 points** Effectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Exceptional use of citations and extended referencing. High level of APA precision and free of grammar and spelling errors. | **Excellent - 2 points** Effectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Moderate use of citations and extended referencing. Moderate level of APA precision and free of grammar and spelling errors. | **Fair - 1 point** Ineffectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Moderate use of citations and extended referencing. APA style and writing mechanics need more precision and attention to detail. | **Poor - 0 points** Ineffectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. An unacceptable use of citations and extended referencing. APA style and writing mechanics need serious attention. | 3 points |
| Response to Posts of Peers | **Distinguished - 2 points** Student constructively responded to two other posts and either extended, expanded or provided a rebuttal to each. | | **Fair - 1 point** Student constructively responded to one other post and either extended, expanded or provided a rebuttal. | **Poor - 0 points** Student provided no response to a peer's post. | 2 points |

Module 2 Discussion

 ***Advocacy***

What examples of advocacy do you see in your own nursing practice? List and discuss 2 examples.

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Module 2 Assignment

 ***Agency Synopsis***

Identify regulatory agencies that regulate health and the health care system within the US, create a table listing your 5 regulatory agencies and address the following:

1. Describe the agency, level of regulatory authority (local, state, federal), scope of regulatory authority, and role within the US healthcare system.
2. Address relevance of the organization or the organization’s authority to the APRN/DNP graduate.
3. Describe relevance to specialty area, area of practice, or setting of practice. For an example, mental health.

**Submission Requirements:**

* In the table, write the 3 criteria above and respond to them.
* The table is to be clear and concise and students will lose points for improper grammar, punctuation and misspelling.
* The table is to be complete and thorough. It should include all items indicated in the assignment.
* Incorporate at least 3 current (published within last five years) *scholarly journal articles* or*primary legal sources* (statutes, court opinions) within your work.
* Complete and submit the chart by 11:59 PM ET Sunday.

Module 3 Discussion

 ***ACA and Health-Care Outcomes & Costs***

What components of the ACA do you think will have a positive effect on improving health care outcomes and decreasing costs?

**Submission Instructions:**

* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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Module 4 Discussion

 ***Population & Community Health Promotion***

What are specific actions that health professionals can take regardless of their practice area and site to promote population and community health?

**Submission Instructions:**

* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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Module 5 Discussion

 ***State & Federal Advocacy***

What advocacy actions might you take to improve health care through legislation at the state or federal level?

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* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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Module 6 Discussion

 ***Issues in Today's Workforce Culture***

Based on your reading in chapter 60, why do you think the issues presented in this chapter persist in today’s workforce culture?

**Submission Instructions:**

* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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  Module 6 Assignment

  ***Policy Analysis Paper***

This assignment is an analysis of local, state, or federal health policy.

1. **Select a state** health policy reform innovation
2. **Discuss** the rationale for the policy, how it was adopted (e.g., federal waivers, passage by state legislature), the funding structure, and (to the extent statistical data are available) its impact. ethical outcome based on evidence.
3. **Examples** of state innovations include Maryland’s hospital rate setting, Vermont’s single payer system, and Massachusetts’ health reforms

**Submission Requirements:**

* The paper is to be clear and concise and students will lose points for improper grammar, punctuation and misspelling.
* The paper is to be formatted per current APA style, 5-7 pages in length, excluding the title, abstract and references page.
* Incorporate a minimum of 5 current (published within last five years) scholarly journal articles or primary legal sources (statutes, court opinions) within your work.
* Journal articles and books should be referenced according to current APA style.
* Complete and submit the assignment by 11:59 PM ET Sunday.

Module 7 Discussion

 ***Health Care Disparities in LGBTQ***

Discuss how to close the health care disparities gap in the LGBTQ community?

**Submission Instructions:**

* Your initial post should be at least 500 words, formatted and cited in current APA style with support from at least 2 academic sources. Your initial post is worth 8 points.
* You should respond to at least two of your peers by extending, refuting/correcting, or adding additional nuance to their posts. Your reply posts are worth 2 points (1 point per response.)
* All replies must be constructive and use literature where possible.
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Module 7 Assignment

  ***Presentation: Interest Groups***

The goal of this assignment is to familiarize students with interest groups. Please follow the steps below to complete your assignment.

1. **Select** an interest group (AARP, AHIP, Coalition for Health Services Research, Emergency Nurses Association, Pharma)
2. **Discuss** how they are pushing their agenda (i.e., mechanisms used to influence policy makers), key obstacles, and spending (consult the Center for Responsible Politics, www.opensecrets.org)
3. **Investigate** the interest group’s website and review their position statements, testimony, and consult media reports to obtain more information on the group’s lobbying efforts.

**Submission Requirements:**

* Presentation is original work and logically organized. Followed current APA format including citation of references.
* PowerPoint presentation with 5-8 slides were clear and easy to read. Speaker notes expanded upon and clarified content on the slides.
* Incorporate a minimum of 4 current (published within last five years) scholarly journal articles or primary legal sources (statutes, court opinions) within your work.
* Journal articles and books should be referenced according to current APA style.
* Complete and submit the assignment by 11:59 PM ET Sunday.
* Your presentation will be shared with class colleagues during the ZOOM meeting.