**Formal Writing Assignment 2: Research Paper – Relevant Topics in Aging (30% of final grade)**

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| An outline with personal reflections on the topic is due on: |   |
| A first draft of this personal reflection is due on: | 5/7/20 |
| The final revised essay is due on: | 5/19/20 Must Use Safe Assign |

Your paper will require research with the use of no less than three (3) journal articles to be cited in APA format. Additional sources may include websites on the topic. DO NOT USE OR CITE WIKI, ENCYCLOPEDIA OR DICTIONARIES AS SOURCES!

In a six (6)-page paper summarize your findings. Explain why the topic is relevant and important to older individuals, their families and society in general. Consider its relevance to an aging society with increasing longevity. Develop a clear and concise topic/research question. Your topic must address aging, longevity and the aged. Topics must be approved in advance by the instructor.

Include title and reference pages using APA format. The total number of pages will be eight (8) – Title page (page 1), six-page research paper (pages 2-7), and reference page (page 8).

Papers will be graded on the following rubric:

         Ability to synthesize information correctly and effectively with ability to use context-appropriate vocabulary and communications technology

         Ability to distinguishes factual information from subjective opinion, considers informational origin I analyzing relevance in order to represent content in a clear, succinct and logical manner

         Ability to make meaningful interdisciplinary connections, recognizing that the subject area knowledge may go beyond a particular course

         Ability to organize, analyze, evaluate, and treat information critically in order to use and present it in a cohesive and logical fashion

         Ability to present scientific evidence coherently

         Ability to Format the text using the APA style

         Ability to paraphrase and synthesize the text using own words

         Ability to choose and cite references appropriately

Students should make use of the Hostos Library and OneSearch Database to find articles for the assignment and request assistance with use of APA citations and references.

<http://commons.hostos.cuny.edu/library/>

Formal written assignments must utilize the American Psychological Association (APA) format for style, citations and references. Information on APA style is available at the Purdue OWL Writing Lab:  <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>

**Topics to consider for the assignment:**

         Alcoholism in the elderly

         Alzheimer’s Disease

         Caregiver Support

         Cultural Competency

         Elder Abuse

         Elders in Prison

         Health Disparities

         HIV/AIDS in older adults

         Hospice

         LGBT Seniors

         Longevity (Blue Zones)

         Medicare Reform

         Nursing Home Options

         Retirement

          Right to Die (Assisted Suicide)

         Social Isolation

         Social Security Reform

         The Older Americans Act

         The Green House movement (LTC)

         Blue Zones (lessons)