

**The following grading rubric will be used for the Journal Article Reviews (JAR):**

Criterion	20 to 16 Points	15 to 11 Points	10 to 6 Points	5 Points and Below
<b>Substance</b> Score ___/20	All of the items/ questions were addressed completely and rationales for all the answers were clearly stated.	All of the items/ questions were addressed completely but rationales for the all the answers were not clearly stated.	Not all of the items /questions were addressed completely and/or rationales for the answers were not clearly stated.	All items/ questions were not addressed completely and rationales were not clearly stated.
<b>Analysis</b> Score ___/20	Analysis demonstrated a high level of thought.	Analysis demonstrated a good level of thought.	Analysis demonstrated a moderate level of thought.	Analysis is incomplete and demonstrated a minimum level of thought.
<b>Mechanics/APA Compliance</b> Score ___/20	Work was free of grammar or spelling errors AND complies with APA Requirements	Work had at least one error related to either grammar or spelling and mostly complies with APA requirements.	Work had several grammar or spelling errors and partially complies with APA requirements	Work had major grammar or spelling errors and does not comply with APA requirements.
<b>Organization</b> Score ___/20	Student wrote clearly and complied with all the instructions of the assignment.	Student had some difficulty writing clearly and/or following the instructions of the assignment.	Student had significant difficulty writing clearly and/or following the instructions of the assignment.	Student was unable to write clearly and/or follow the instructions of the assignment.
<b>Timeliness</b> Score ___/20	On Time	Late-reduced grade	Late-reduced grade	Late-reduced grade
<b>Final Grade:</b> Score ___/100				

**Applied Research Paper (25% of your grade):**

The purpose of this paper is to allow you to fully research and better understand a specific healthcare issue faced by our society. You will research the origins, literature and practical applications of your chosen issue. You are to write a paper that details a health care issue that has been approved by the course instructor. (You will submit your topic choice via a link found in Module #2 in the Canvas course shell.

Include, at a minimum, the following components should be included in this paper: Please incorporate AT LEAST the following sections into your paper with a heading for each section: (You are welcome to add as many additional sections/headings as you deem appropriate!)

1. Title Page (as per example on course shell)
2. Abstract Page (as per example on course shell)
3. Table of Contents (example on course shell)
4. History of the health care issue that you select (to be approved by the Instructor)
5. Main components or aspects of this issue (be detailed and specific!)
6. How your issue relates to the learning outcomes from this class. (Please see syllabus).



7. Your assessment of this issue, from your personal perspective (why you chose it)
8. Examples of this issue as it applies in the world today
9. A current literature review of this issue dating back, at least, five years.
10. What are the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT analysis) that this issue deals with as it pertains to our society?
11. Recommendations as to the best way to deal with this issue in the future
12. Concluding Thoughts/Summary of your paper.
13. What you learned from this project.
14. References (Cite all references in your paper using APA format)
15. Appendix (Include things you feel are relevant to your analysis, i.e. graphs, charts, pictures, etc.)

PLEASE, be sure to support your thoughts, opinions, and conclusions with citations/references from the existing literature.

### **General Instructions:**

Students are required to write a 10 to 12-page paper (NOT including the Title, table of contents, abstract or reference pages), APA compliant research paper detailing a particular health care issue from the list provided below. You will research the origins, literature and practical applications of your issue. You are required to get approval of your chosen issue from the course instructor. You must have your chosen leadership theory selected by Week #2. **YOU MUST USE AT LEAST 5 PEER-REVIEWED/SCHOLARLY SOURCES FOR THIS PAPER.** You are highly encouraged to use the Barry University Library, including the online database to ensure compliance with this requirement. Detailed instructions and a demonstration of how to use the library resources was demonstrated during the first-class meeting and you can review the recording of Live Meeting #1 that can be found in the Week 1 module in the course shell.

This paper must be typed, using 12-point, Times New Roman font and double-spaced. Your title, abstract and reference pages must comply with the examples posted on the course shell. Only “.doc” or “.docx” (Microsoft Word) submissions will be accepted. Your title, table of contents, abstract and reference pages must comply with the examples posted on the Canvas course shell. Concise, clear and effective writing is the hallmark of academic excellence. Once you have written your paper, edit it for content, clarity, brevity, grammar, and spelling. *Never turn in a paper where you cannot say, “This is my best work.”*

### **LIST OF POSSIBLE ISSUE TOPICS FOR YOUR PAPER:**

- Understanding the Social Determinants of Health
- Health Information Technology along the continuum of care
- Mental Healthcare in the U.S.: Yesterday, today, and tomorrow
- Value-Based Purchasing in Health Care today and tomorrow
- Stress: What is it and how can we deal with it today and tomorrow?
- Understanding Accountable Care Organizations and how they work
- Cardiovascular Disease: A multiple perspective analysis
- The Long-Term Care Industry: Issues in Geriatrics: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
- The Role of Medicare & Medicaid: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
- Child Nutrition: Understanding the issues in the U.S.A.
- Fitness: The history and future of how fitness can help us live better and longer
- The Hospital Industry: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
- Reproductive Choices: Understanding the role of abortion in the U.S. today and tomorrow
- Drug Use and Abuse: Understanding the facts and society’s role

- Understanding the Government's Role in Health Care: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
- Understanding Cardiovascular Disease: Past, Present & Future
- Understanding Cancer: Past, Present & Future
- Understanding Diabetes: Past, Present & Future
- Tobacco Use in the U.S.A.: Past, Present, and Future
- Extending Life using Medical Science: Should we or Shouldn't We?
- Stem Cell Research: Past, Present, and Future

These are just some suggested topics. Please feel free to suggest your own!

#### A note on writing:

For many students, particularly adult students, this assignment may be your first substantial writing assignment of your college career. Please note that the clarity with which you present the information will be considered in the success of this assignment. We strongly advise you to have someone edit your work before you submit it, especially if you are not practiced in college-level writing.

#### Correctly Citing your Sources and Plagiarism

Correctly citing the source of your information is key to this assignment, social science writing, and academic discourse. Failure to do so, *even if unintentional*, is plagiarism. If you are not familiar with plagiarism, and exactly what constitutes plagiarism, please review the websites listed below. Plagiarism on this assignment will result in an automatic zero, as well as being referred for disciplinary proceedings. Many students who plagiarize do so inadvertently, because they do not understand how to correctly cite sources.

[www.plagiarism.org/](http://www.plagiarism.org/)

[www.aresearchguide.com/6plagiar.html](http://www.aresearchguide.com/6plagiar.html)