

**Vulnerable Populations APA Paper**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this paper is to begin to consider the implications of dealing with a vulnerable population. Vulnerable populations could include but are not limited to: the incarcerated, the mentally ill, the unborn, those of a lower socioeconomic status, etc. Vulnerable populations have unique individual needs. Sensitivity and a covenant to be nonjudgmental during the discussions are important to acknowledge.

**Content:** Within your nursing career you will encounter a number of different vulnerable populations and have to adapt care and deal with your own personal feelings accordingly.

**Your paper should include the following:**

- The definition of cultural competence
- Discuss the importance of cultural competence in nursing care
- A discussion on **ONE** vulnerable population and the unique individual needs of said population
- A reflection on any identified biases or judgement you have
- You must address **ONE** of the following questions within the body of your paper (select a question that flows well with your paper/ is pertinent to the vulnerable population you chose to discuss)
  1. Do you want to know the crime of the prisoner to whom you have been assigned to deliver care?
  2. What are your feelings about delivering care to homeless/impooverished populations?
  3. What are the roles of nurses and the nursing profession in promotion of social justice?
  4. How would you respond to the patient who asks you to help end his or her life?

**Cultural Implications APA Paper Rubric**

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Criteria	Excellent 35 points	Acceptable 21-34 points	Unacceptable 0-14 points	Points Earned
Content of paper includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The definition of cultural competence</li> <li>• A discussion on the importance of cultural competence in nursing care</li> <li>• A discussion on <b>ONE</b> vulnerable population and the unique individual needs of said population</li> <li>• A reflection on any identified biases or judgement you have</li> <li>• One of the questions listed above was answered within the body of the paper</li> </ul>	All key components were addressed within the paper.	The Student failed to address 1 or 2 of the components within the paper. (each component is worth seven points).	The student failed to address three or more of the listed components within the paper. (each component is worth seven points).	__25_/35

Content contribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information is well written, organized, concise, factually correct, and thorough</li> <li>Discussions include original thoughts / ideas introduced by the student</li> <li>Plagiarism will result in a zero in this section, and disciplinary action per the student handbook</li> </ul>	The paper was well developed, organized, concise, and factually correct. The student provided personal thoughts/ ideas that contributed to the paper.	The information provided is factually correct. The paper is not organized well, and/or lacks full development of the topic.	Information provided is off-topic, incorrect or irrelevant to the discussion. The student failed to contribute any original thoughts into the paper.	_30_/35
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Excellent 10/10</b>	<b>Acceptable 5-10</b>	<b>Unacceptable 0-5</b>	<b>Points earned</b>
Scholarly work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of 2 relevant, scholarly references must be cited within the paper to support the topic</li> <li>Formatting for references and in-text citations is appropriate per APA guidelines</li> </ul>	The student utilized two or more scholarly references that made a meaningful contribution to the paper. The student appropriately formatted their in-text citations and references.	The student utilized two or more scholarly references. The references did not provide a meaningful contribution to the topic and/or the student made 1-5 errors in formatting their references and in-text citations.	Less than two references were utilized in the paper. The student made 6 or more errors when formatting their references and/or in-text citations.	__8_/10
Overall APA Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running head is appropriately formatted per APA guidelines</li> <li>Title page is appropriately formatted per APA guidelines</li> <li>Reference page is appropriately formatted per APA guidelines</li> <li>Document must be double spaced with 1 inch margins</li> <li>Document must be formatted per APA guidelines for all headings, and indentions</li> <li>Failure to include the plagiarism statement at the bottom of the title page will result in a zero in this section</li> </ul>	The student formatted the paper within APA guidelines	The student made 1-2 errors in formatting	The student made 3 or more errors in formatting	__7_/10 Reference list missing
Mechanics/Clarity:	The student's	The student's	The student's	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate clarity, spelling, grammar, and mechanics</li> </ul>	writing was clear and concise in an easy to read style with zero grammatical or spelling errors	writing contained 1-6 errors in clarity, spelling, grammar, or mechanics.	writing contained more than six errors in clarity, spelling, grammar, or mechanics.	__10__ /10
Instructor Comments: Missing reference list. Did not include your biases or one of the questions. Font should be times new roman 12 pt.			Total points awarded:  _____80____/100	