**1113 Research Paper-2 for the semester**

Health care requires individuals to communicate effectively in writing (think electronic and paper patient health records, progress notes, email, etc.) as well as in person. It takes an entire team of health professionals working collaboratively to provide quality patient care in any setting. This project requires you to hone in on research and the skills needed to effectively communicate in writing:

* **Identify your topic**
  + E-mail instructor for approval and guidance
* **Research** your topic, utilizing online Library resources, to locate *credible, evidence-based, scholarly (also called peer-reviewed) works*
  + utilize ***4 or more sources in addition to your textbooks*** (if you choose to use your text book)
  + examples of credible works might be journal articles, medical encyclopedia (reference) entries, articles from credible medical or health web sites, content from medical books, your textbooks
* **Create** a **paper** that follows *APA style* guidelines
  + Paper will be 5-6 pages in length (not including your title page, abstract or reference page)
  + Use proper grammar, spelling & punctuation (make sure that you edit your project)
  + Follow APA format (in addition to paper formatting rules, remember you must have *at least* one in-text citation for every work appearing on your references page)
    - Double spaced
    - Appropriate Font/Size
    - Paragraph indentations
    - Intext citation appropriately placed
    - Minimal direct quotes (must summarize and credit original source)
    - Articles MUST BE recent (last decade) unless using as a where we were and where we are context

The topic of the paper will need to be ICU/Emergency Medicine geared. You can take this in any direction, and it may need to evolve as you start researching and writing. A critical disease process must be selected, there must be ½ to 1 page of information on how you would treat this disease if the patient was intubated (settings, changes based off of an ABG, how and when would we start weaning the patient, what maneuvers would we check and research sedation vacation and use that as a reference in this area!). Some very broad ideas could be management and treatment of a MVC that cause blunt force trauma to the patient chest with multiple fractures & contusions, severe asthmatics that have to be intubated, prognosis for getting off the ventilator and long term treatment, a CF patient that has contracted a bacterial pneumonia and needs increased therapies. These are all broad topic ideas—you may decide to focus on a narrow topic within one of these broader topics.

There will be 3 Due Dates for each paper. You may start early, submit early. For each day late, there will be a 10% decrease in grade.

* Due date 1: Topic e-mailed for approval by June 2nd (paper 1)/ June 30th (paper 2)
* Due Date References: Upload to BB by June 9th (paper 1)/ July 7th (paper 2)
* Due Date Paper overview (Title Page, Abstract, Body of paper overview, references): Upload to BB by June 16th (paper 1)/July 14th (paper 2)
* Paper Submission to Discussion Board for peers to review, learn and comment Due: June 28th (paper 1)/July 26th paper 2

**Grading is based on**:

* On time submission
* Proper use of APA 7th ed. citation and style
* Solid content & content length
* Easy to follow format (introduction, body, conclusion)
* Within scope of rotation

**Suggested Resources for this Project:**

1. **COD Library**: <https://library.cod.edu/>

**Library reference staff are available remotely to assist you with your research and APA questions**. *Click on the* ***Ask Us*** *button from the Library’s main page* to see when Library staff are available and the many ways that you can contact us for help (phone, email, online video research appointments)! <https://library.cod.edu/ask>

* Get a **Library Card**! You’ll need a card to access full-text books and journals from home! <https://library.cod.edu/cards>
* **Research fundamentals** (general help and guidance if you are new to academic researching): <https://library.cod.edu/fundamentals>
* **Respiratory Care Resource Guide** (created by Professor *Debra Smith*, our health sciences librarian)
  + this guide provides *tips to finding credible* ***respiratory care-related professional and patient-level* resources** like: books, journal articles and web sites.
  + It also has *tips on evaluating medical resources* and *APA citation*.
  + *Contact information for Debra*--including her email and the ability to set up a phone or an online video research appointment with her) <https://codlrc.org/hs/rc>
    - From the[**COD library**](https://library.cod.edu/) **page🡪research** dropdown, top right of page**🡪**click **research guides🡪** click **“R”🡪**click the **Respiratory Care** link
  + **COD Library’s APA Citation examples and guidance**: <http://codlrc.org/HS/Citing>
    - Note: additional APA resources are included on the **Citing Sources** section of the Respiratory Care Resource Guide: <https://codlrc.org/HS/Citing>

1. Learning Commons: Writing, Reading, Speech Assistance (WRSA) area: <https://www.cod.edu/academics/learning_commons/writing/index.aspx>

* WRSA writing coaches can assist you with writing your paper (if you are unfamiliar with academic writing). *Online appointments* as well as *email* options for assistance are available
* WRSA coaches can assist you with APA 7th ed. in-text citations as well as your reference list
* Check out WRSA’s writing resources: <https://www.cod.edu/academics/learning_commons/writing/guides.aspx>
* WRSA has created an APA student paper template: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1phscYLOTr2YqhGKUgC2BJ4JP_gRro_8--Bz9vm4rmsY/edit>