

NUR 421 Group Paper

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A. Politics and Power

1. Identify the history of District Council
37 (5 pts).

2. Identify the source(s) of the union's budget. (5 pts) 3. Discuss
the union's utilization of its funds, including the salaries
of its employees.(5pts)

4. Discuss its ties to local and/or national government. Are there other
organizations/unions

that it endorses and/or
supports? (5pts)

5. Identify and discuss three ways in which members may become
active participants in the

its mission and outreach.
(5pts)

6. Identify and discuss three ways to harness the power of your peers
to transform nursing

and the communities which your
organization serves. (5 pts)

B. Quality of Care

1. Identify and briefly discuss the functions of the agency(ies) that tracks and compares long

term care facilities. (5pts) 2. What is the purpose of its star ratings and what does it convey to the consumer?

Discuss the areas from which the ratings are calculated. (5pts)

3. What is the purpose of HCAHPS and what it is expected to achieve? (5pts)

4. Discuss the HCAHPS results for Interfaith Hospital for the last three years. (5pts)

5. Identify and discuss two areas that consistently receive low scores and discuss two

possible reasons for these scores.(5pts)

6. Identify and discuss similarities and differences between Star ratings and HCAHPS.

(5pts)

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C.
Budget

1. Discuss your organization's budget. (5pts)
2. Clearly identify the ways the organization manages its resources. (5pts)
3. What percentage of the budget is allocated to nursing? Identify and discuss three possible reasons for this allocation.(5pts)
4. Identify and discuss two areas in which the organization may be wasting its resources. (5pts)
5. Are these areas from which you could divert funds to nursing? Explain your answer.(5pts)
6. Identify and discuss three ways you would use an increase in nursing's budget to improve nursing care. (5pts)

Rubric

1. Using the topics provided above, write an 8-10 page paper in APA format. This is a group paper which requires participation from all members of the group. This paper is 15% of your

graduate.

Organize the paper as a research paper with a title page, introduction, body, and conclusion.

- The introduction should provide sufficient background on the topic and previews major

points Central theme/purpose is immediately clear Structure is clear, logical, and easy to follow Subsequent sections develop/support the central theme Conclusion/recommendations follow logically from the body of the paper Key elements of assignments covered Content is comprehensive/accurate/persuasive Displays an understanding of relevant theory Major points supported by specific details/examples Research is adequate/timely Papers may lose a maximum of 10 points if the above criteria is not met.

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II. Adhere to the APA format outlined in the *Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.)*

- Citations/reference page follow APA guidelines

(min of 6).

- Properly cites ideas/info from other sources.
- Paper is laid out effectively and uses headings and other reader-friendly tools.
- Paper is neat/shows attention to detail.
- Rules of grammar, usage, punctuation are followed.

Spelling is correct.

- Sentences are complete, clear, and concise.

Sentences are well-constructed with consistently strong, varied structure.

Transitions between sentences/paragraphs/sections help maintain the flow of thought.

- Words used are precise and unambiguous.
- Papers may lose a maximum of 10 points if the above criteria is not met.

b. You should have a minimum of at least six references from peer reviewed journals which must not be more than five years old. Your textbooks may be used as a source.

c. The paper should be between 8- 10 pages. The title page and reference page does not count. Do not include an abstract with this paper.

III. Submit a hard copy of your paper to your Professor on the due date of week 14. Late papers will receive a 10% deduction in grade for each day it is late. Papers more than 3 days late will not be accepted.

Ensure your paper is free of plagiarism. Papers with any form of plagiarism will not be accepted and will incur a grade of zero (O). Students who plagiarize any work may also be reported to the relevant Department of Nursing, School of Science

and Technology and College bodies for possible suspension and/or dismissal from the program. Refer to *Crediting Sources* in your *APA Manual*.

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Group
Assignment

Group A: Politics and
Power

Barrow, Faye, Johnson, McKenzie, Smith,
Williams

Group B: Quality
of Care

Claude, Girbo, Labossiere, Pinder, Sutherland.

Wiltshire-Ambrister

Group C:
Budget

Estiverne, Jean-Phillipe, Lewis, Shim,
Thomas

(The above peer groups will be the same for both the power point presentation and group paper in NUR 421).

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