

Group Assignment Outline

You will work in your group to research and present career-related information about physician assistants, commonly known as PAs. Please read and follow the instructions for the group display assignment outlined below.

1. Have students set up their posters, as well as their source citation papers. Display the following three prompts on walls or display boards:
 - Employment statistics and outlook information, such as median annual wage, types of work environments, job growth projections, etc.
 - Comparison of 3 PA programs and their admissions requirements—at least 1 program must be located in your state.
 - Summary of the PA certification and licensing requirements in 3 different states.
2. Each group must use the following pre-selected online sources related to becoming a PA :
 - Employment and wage statistics [<http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291071.htm>]
 - Programs and admissions requirements [http://www.arc-pa.org/acc_programs/]
 - Certification information [<http://www.nccpa.net/BecomingCertified>]
 - Licensing information [<https://www.aapa.org/career/state-licensing-requirements/>]
3. Each group is required to identify and use 3 additional online resources that the group has assessed to be reliable. Hand in a separate paper with a list of group member names and statements on how the sources are reliable and credible.
4. Each group poster must present information in a clear and well-organized manner and include the following:
 - Headings, subheadings, or labels that clearly and correctly set readers' expectations of what they are viewing/reading

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- Brief narratives that summarize key points and information
 - Visual elements—such as graphs, images, tables—that viewers can easily understand
 - A correctly-formatted bibliography of sources
 - No spelling or grammatical errors
 - A list of group member names
5. All posters should be set up for viewing for a class-wide poster session at the beginning of next class. Groups will turn in their posters and source assessment sheets for grading at the end of that class.

Essay Assignment

Your assignment is to write an essay that is at least 3 pages long, typed, double spaced, and uses 12 point-size text. In the essay, you will

1. describe what PAs do and where they work;
2. tell how PAs have made and are making a difference in promoting good health and general well-being;
3. address what aspects of PAs' work seem most interesting to you and why; and
4. discuss the important role of PAs in health care and your interest in becoming a PA, if this profession appeals to you.

You are required to write an essay that

- includes at least 1 PA or PA program example for each of the 4 topic areas listed above, using information from the following pre-selected online sources: Visual elements—such as graphs, images, tables—that viewers can easily understand
 - *Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care* (<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/pa-collaborationandcare>)
 - Physician Assistant History Society (<http://pahx.org/>)
 - "About PA Practice" webpage by AAPA (<https://www.aapa.org/practice-resources/about-pa-practice/>)
 - "Specialty Organizations" webpage by AAPA (https://www.aapa.org/about_aapa/constituent_organizations/specialty_organizations/)
- uses 2 additional sources (websites, pamphlets, articles, interviews, etc.)
- demonstrates all elements of clear and informative writing
- is without spelling and grammatical errors

Essay Assignment

Before finalizing the assignment, a peer or your teacher will review your essay and provide feedback that you will use to polish your work. For this, you are to

- submit your essay at the beginning of the next class for the reviewer's feedback;
- clarify any questions on the feedback with your reviewer when your paper is returned; and
- revise the essay and hand in the final draft in the next class.