

Paper—The Legislative Process and Healthcare Lobbying

Your paper should have a minimum of 600 words (excluding the title and reference pages), double spaced, and use APA 6th edition formatting and citations/references. All paragraphs should be at least 5-6 well-developed sentences and indented. No extra spaces before and after paragraphs. Quoted material is discouraged. One quote per page is acceptable and points will be subtracted if more quoted material is found. In order to cite material, read the material, analyze it and write in your own words and voice then cite your source. This paper is your work and not a string of quotes without your thoughts and ideas being heard.

Your paper should be set up as described below and the resources in the APA manual. Rubric will provide number of points for each area.

Title page

Set up a header: On the left hand margin set-up a running header and it looks like this on the first page. Running head: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS (This is a short title less than 50 characters). Page number is flush right starting with a 1 on the right side. On pages 2 through the end: just the CAPPED TITLE only without the words running head. In word, go to document elements, then header option. This will set up the headings and page numbers for each page.

Centered on the page is the title, your name, and the name of the university. No abstract is needed.

Second page of paper: Title of paper gets centered on the top of this page

Start with an introduction paragraph that should be a general introduction to the topic and then end with purpose statement. A purpose statement is as follows: The purpose of this paper is to discuss (then list some of the key elements of the rubric). This paragraph should be 5-6 well-developed sentences. *Introduction paragraph is worth 5 points*

Then use headings – You will find this a better way to keep your organized and to assure you have all the topics of the rubric

Part 1 (BOLDED and CENTERED) – This is a level one heading

Legislative Process (Bolded and on left margin). This is a level two heading

- A clear and complete discussion of the legislative process
- Indent and write your content at least one paragraph.
This is worth 6 points.

Part 2

Analysis of Political Issues including pros and cons

- You will choose one of the political issues listed in Burkhardt & Nathaniel on pages 392-393
- Describe both sides of that issue—for and against—clearly and thorough.
- Indent and write your content.
This is worth 6 points.

Tie political issue to current legislation being reviewed

- Student clearly identifies current legislation being reviewed to become law
- Identifies the state, bill number, sponsors, and where the bill currently lies in terms of progress
This is worth 6 points.

Student's Opinion on Political Issues

- Explain your own position, and explain why
- Indent and write your content.
This is worth 6 points.

Then you do a conclusion and again no need for the word conclusion as a heading. Start with words: In conclusion and or in summary as the first words of the paragraph.
This is worth 5 points.

Then on separate page center the word References (not bolded) Use hanging indents for references – Go to format and then paragraph in word and then special and hanging indent. Double-space your references.

Reference/Citation requirement: Assignment should include a minimum of 4 professional references. Two (2) references from required course materials (Burkhardt & Nathaniel textbook) and two (2) peer-reviewed references. Peer-reviewed references include references from professional data bases such as PubMed or CINHALL applicable to population and practice area, along with evidence based clinical practice guidelines. Examples of unacceptable references are Wikipedia, UpToDate, Epocrates, Medscape, WebMD, hospital organizations, insurance recommendations, & secondary clinical databases. All references must be no older than five years
This is worth 6 points