



ENG 200 Research Essay

Overview and Requirements

In this Research Essay, you will start with a thoughtful healthcare-related question and gather research, and finally present that information to your peers and instructor with an objective, neutral attitude in academic essay format.

Prompts for your Research Essay (choose one):

1. Discuss a new technology or a newer way of doing things in the healthcare field, and how it has changed or revolutionized medicine and/or people's lives.

For example, you could research and write about about robotics used in surgery, laparoscopic knee surgery, gallbladder surgery, hysterectomy surgery, etc. vs. traditional surgery. The focus should be on the benefits to the patient and to the healthcare staff, and the disadvantages if there are any, without saying whether it is good or bad; just present the research you find about the impact on healthcare or patients and their recovery.

2. Go to the online journal *Nursing Made Incredibly Easy* (found on the Hondros College of Nursing library website). Search for a healthcare-related topic that interests you. Using this topic (ex. Metformin), do further research on it by looking further in that database, or a similar one. What are the main aspects of this that are worth sharing?
3. Research a sub-specialty or area of concentration in nursing. Research and share the basic duties and day-to-day reality of that career, as well as the education and training necessary for that career. For instance, you may wish to research what it takes to become a lactation consultant, and the day-to-day realities of that job.
4. Research a drug that either is in common use or is new to healthcare. Do not try to tell the reader if the drug is good or bad; just present what is known about the drug, including its history, as well as its drawbacks and benefits.
5. Research integrative or holistic healthcare and how it might help patients heal from problems both small and large. What are its main components? Where is it being carried out? What are the implications for the future of healthcare? What about the

financial/monetary aspect of it? (Is it being funded or encouraged, or not? Why/why not?)

6. Your own research topic. You must discuss this with the professor and have the topic approved before moving forward.

Whichever topic you choose, your essay must include the following (make sure to read the [rubric](#), and look at the [Sample Research Essay](#)):

- **A clear thesis statement in the introductory paragraph**
- **Strong organization of your ideas via academic essay format**
- **Two to three quality, unique sources used, cited and referenced properly both in text and on a References page**
- **Synthesis of the source material (concrete detail) with your own writing (commentary)**
- **Few to no Mechanics, Usage, Grammar, Spelling (MUGS) errors**
- **A word count of at least 850 words**

You may want to submit your draft to a classmate, tutor, or instructor for feedback or help with revision and editing.

If you would like instructor feedback, two full business days must be allowed for turn-around. (In this case, it must be received by the end of the day Wednesday of Week 8 in order to have the feedback available to you in time to make changes for your Final Draft submission, due Sunday of Week 8).

For an example of an “A” Research Essay from a former student, [click here](#).