

NURSING 5310 HEALTH CARE POLICY, ORGANIZATION, AND FINANCING

Course Syllabus: Spring 2020

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required Textbook:

Milstead, J. A., & Short, N. M. (2019). *Health policy and politics: A nurse's guide* (6th ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett.

Online readings and resources as directed

Optional Text:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of American psychological association* (6th ed.). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Course Description

This course focuses on the effect of politics, organizations, and resources on the delivery of highquality, cost-effective health care. The leadership role of the advanced practice nurse in the design, implementation, and management of human fiscal and physical health care resources is emphasized. Prerequisites: Instructor permission.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, student will be able to:

- 1. Analyze how policies influence the structure and financing of health care, practice, and health outcomes (AACN Essential VI).
- 2. Differentiate and delineate legislative and regulatory processes (AACN Essential VI).
- 3. Identify and analyze the effect of health care policy issues on minority populations (AACN Essentials VI, IX).
- 4. Evaluate local, state, and national socioeconomic and health policy issues and trends affecting rural and urban communities (AACN Essential VI).
- 5. Explicate the organization of various health care delivery systems (AACN Essentials II, VI).
- 6. Evaluate the leadership role of the advanced practice nurse within integrated health care organizations (AACN Essential II).
- 7. Synthesize basic principles of fiscal management, budgeting, and health care (AACN Essentials II, VI).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed:

Using the learning management system, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

Instructional Methods:

This is an online course without lecture requiring students to complete online activities and independent study to be successful. Course objectives may be met through individual study using suggested resources, active involvement in course activities, formal, and informal exchange of ideas with classmates and colleagues regarding specific topics as well as utilizing critical thinking skills. Teaching methods include discussion, independent study of texts and library resources, computer-assisted instruction, audio-visual aids, and the assignments listed. While the professor will provide guidance and consultation, the student is responsible for identification of learning needs, self-direction, seeking consultation and demonstration of course objectives.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course:

- Logging into the course website daily during the week
- Checking emails at least daily
- Updated semester calendar with communicated changes
- Multiple hours of weekly study
- Attendance at all course events

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80% 89%
- C = 75% 79%
- D = 60% 74%
- F = Below 60%

ASSESSMENTS

Evaluation Methods				
Policy Reaction Paper	10%			
Policy Critique Paper	25%			
Policy Critique Presentation	15%			
Legislative Visit and Paper	15%			
Thank You Letter to Legislator	5%			
Professional Nursing Organization Membership and Summary	5%			
Disaster Preparedness Policy and Procedure	25%			
Total	100%			

A minimum grade of 75 is required to pass the course. Successful completion of required assignments will enable the student to meet the student learning outcomes.

Late Submissions

It is expected that students will submit all assignments on time. If an extension is needed, it should be requested <u>before</u> the due date/time and may or may not be approved at the discretion of the course coordinator. Unexcused late assignments will be penalized 10% per day for each of the first two days overdue; on the 3rd day, the grade will be assigned as 0%. Communication on these matters is the student's responsibility.

Paper submissions

All documents submitted online are to be in .docx, .rtf, or .pdf format. No other formats will be accepted (JPEG, GIF, etc.). Assignments need to be submitted in a maximum of one document per assignment. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a grade of "0" on the assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS

Policy Reaction Paper

The purpose of this learning activity is for the student to explore, evaluate, and to react to selected current information related to advance practice nursing, and/or health care administration, policy, organization, and financing. Each student will be assigned an appropriate resource for this assignment. The paper should be no more than four (4) pages in length, including the title page

and the reference page. The paper will be submitted via the D2L Assignments tab by the due date on the course calendar. The rubric for evaluation of this paper is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcome #4.

Policy Critique Paper

The purpose of this learning activity is for the student to critique a health care policy. Each student will complete a paper critiquing the health care policy not exceed ten (10) pages in length, including the title page and the reference page. The critique should identify the policy, trace its origin and implementation in health care, and evaluate its effectiveness, finance/cost considerations, effect on health services (especially focused on minority populations), application to advanced practice nursing/health care administration, and implications for the future. *Prior to performing the critique, each student must obtain approval from course instructors for the selected topic.* Students are expected to employ self-directed methods to learn and gather information for this activity and are encouraged to use a variety of resources, including reading assignments, library resources, personal observation, practice, and public and private facilities, as appropriate. The paper will be submitted via the D2L Assignments tab by the due date on the course calendar. The rubric for evaluation of this paper is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcomes #1, #3, and #7.

Policy Critique Presentation

The purpose of this learning activity is for students to present their policy critiques to the class. The presentation should include information on the policy, its origin and implementation in health care, its effectiveness, finance/cost considerations, effect on health services, application to advanced practice nursing/health care administration, and implications for the future. The presentation should be no longer than 15 slides. The presentation will be submitted via the D2L Assignments tab by the due date on the course calendar, as well as presented in class on the assigned date. The rubric for evaluation of the presentation is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcomes #1, #3, and #7.

Legislative Visit and Paper

The purpose of this learning activity is to gain a deeper understanding of legislative and regulatory processes and health policy issues and trends at the governmental level. Students will visit the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas; and speak with elected state representatives and/or their staff members as part of Texas Nurse Practitioners (TNP) Capitol Day. A paper will be completed following the visit in which the student will analyze the dynamics of the current Texas legislature, describe a significant proposed bill or policy, identify bill/policy stakeholders, examine the proposed effect of the bill/policy on health care delivery and advanced practice nursing in Texas, and describe the feedback received from the legislator or staff. The paper should not exceed four (4) pages in length including the title page and the reference page. The paper will be submitted via the D2L Assignments tab by the due date on the course calendar. The rubric for evaluation is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcomes #2 and #4.

Thank You Letter to a Legislator

The purpose of this learning activity is to gain understanding of legislative processes and the health policy advocacy role of the advance practice nurse. Each student will write a thank you note to a specific legislator regarding the visit made to the legislator's office. If a staff member assisted the

student during the legislative office visit, the staff member should be mentioned in the letter to the legislator. A copy of the letter and confirmation of receipt by the legislator's office are to be submitted via the Assignments tab on D2L by the due date on the course calendar. Confirmation of receipt can be a screenshot indicating letter was sent. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcomes #2 and #4.

Professional Nursing Organization Membership and Summary

The purpose of this learning activity is to gain a beginning understanding of the leadership role of the advance practice nurse as a member of a professional organization. Each student will provide proof of membership in one nursing professional organization. In addition, each student will write a one page summary related to the professional activities of the selected professional nursing organization. The rubric for evaluation is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcome #6.

Disaster Preparedness Policy and Procedure

The purpose of this learning activity is for the student to assume a leadership role in the analysis and critique of a health care delivery system policy. Each student is to review your employer's disaster preparedness policy and procedure. If you are not currently employed in an organization that has a policy, search for a policy and procedure online (make sure you identify the source) and use that policy. In addition, each student is to attend at least one of the following disaster preparedness related meetings/events: disaster drill planning meeting for the university nursing department; disaster preparedness session at the university nursing department; or disaster drill at the university. After attendance at the disaster related meeting/event and review of your policy, the student will write an evaluation of positive aspects of their policy, how their policy could be improved and any factors that were learned from meeting/event attendance. The paper should be no longer than four (4) pages in length, including the title page and reference page. The paper will be submitted via the D2L Assignments by the due date on the course calendar. The rubric for evaluation is provided within this syllabus. This activity addresses Student Learning Outcomes #5 and #6.

Syllabus Change Policy

*This syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

It is expected that you will check your D2L course and email at least **DAILY** for communication from the instructor. A response will occur within two (2) business days. Communication between faculty and students is primary and taken seriously. Preferred communication methods are individualized office hours, email, or via cell phone. If a phone call is not answered, please leave a message and send an e-mail using the direct e-mail link on the course home page. You will be treated with collegial respect and you are expected to communicate likewise in a professional manner.

It is expected that assignments will be graded and returned to the student within two weeks of submission.

Nursing Student Guide

Specific information for the nursing student regarding the nursing program and current policies and procedures can be found in the MSN Student Guide located here:

http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/departments/nursing/ Current%20Students/MSNStudentGuide/default.aspx

It is the student's responsibility to review and understand the policies and procedures provided in the student guidebook as all students are held to the statutes and policies therein.

The Board of Nursing requires applicants, students throughout the program, graduates, and licensure renewals to answer questions as to their ability to be admitted to a nursing program, sit for the for the NCLEX_RN exam or be re-licensed. You are responsible for checking those questions to be sure you are still in compliance. Keep in mind that your fingerprints are on file with the BON, so if you should ever be arrested, they would be notified. You should notify them proactively. The link is as follows:

http://www.bon.texas.gov>licensure_eligibility

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCESURES/POLICIES

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the <u>Student Guidebook</u>:

http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <u>https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette</u>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the <u>Attendance</u> webpage and <u>Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01</u>. <u>http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx</u> <u>http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13stude</u>

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Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13stude nts/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce Gee Library- Room 162 Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 Fax (903) 468-8148 Email: <u>studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu</u> Website: <u>Office of Student Disability Resources and Services</u> http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the <u>Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus</u> document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

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Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE PROCEDURES/POLICIES

CLASS:

- 1. Class Cancellation: In the event that a class is canceled, the student is expected to do the readings and complete the objectives for that day. The material in this syllabus and dates identified in the Course Calendar are subject to change.
- 2. Class attendance is expected. The students should notify course coordinator in advance of any absence.
- 3. As an adult learner and responsible professional, the student is responsible for reading and completing assignments prior to class and for being prepared to participate in discussions over the assigned material. It should not be expected that all material would be covered in class. Students are expected to come to class prepared.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Learning Management System (LMS):

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are the technical requirements:

LMS Requirements:

https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or <u>helpdesk@tamuc.edu</u>.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	Date	Content	Reading Assignments	Class Meetings/ Class Assignments
1	01/13/20	Course Overview (JK)	Syllabus	Class: 01/16/20 1030-1200
2	01/20/20	Political Role for Nurses (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 1	Disaster Drill Planning Meeting: 01/21/20 1000-1100 Nursing Department
3	01/27/20	Agenda Setting (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 2	Professional Nursing Organization Membership Proof and Summary due 01/31/20 by 2359
4	02/03/20	Government Response: Legislation (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 3	Policy Reaction Paper due 02/07/20 by 2359
5	02/10/20	Government Response: Regulation (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 4	Policy Critique topic approval due 02/14/20 by 2359
6	02/17/20	Public Policy Design (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 5	
7	02/24/20	Engaging in Policy Activities (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 12	
8	03/02/20			Legislative Visit 03/06/20 (Texas Nurse Practitioners) Austin, Texas Disaster Preparedness Session 03/02/20 0900-1100 Nursing Department
9	03/09/20	Spring Break		

10	03/16/20	Policy Implementation (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 6	Disaster Preparedness Session 03/17/20 0800-1000 Nursing Department Legislative Visit Paper due 03/20/20 by 2359
11	03/23/20	Health Policy & Social Program Evaluation (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 7	Thank You Letter to Legislator due 03/27/20 by 2359
12	03/30/20	Interprofessional Practice (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 9	Policy Critique Paper due 04/03/20 by 2359
13	04/06/20	Economics & Finance of Health Care (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 10	Disaster Drill 04/06/20 0900 – 1200 Outdoor Adventure Center
14	04/13/20	Nurses Influencing Global Health Policy (MT)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 11	
15	04/20/20	Impact of EHR, Big Data (JK)	Milstead & Short: Chapter 8	Disaster Preparedness Policy and Procedure due 04/24/20 at 2359
16	04/27/20			Class: 04/29/20 0900-1200 Policy Critique Presentations
17	05/04/20	Finals Week		

Professional Nursing Organization Membership and Summary Grading Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points	Score	Comments
Provide the full name of the professional nursing organization. Attach proof of membership documentation as an addendum to this summary.	30		
Discuss the mission statement of the organization	20		
Identify and describe at least one current initiatives or issues for which the professional organization is advocating (these may generally be located on the website in association with terms such as "advocacy," "government issues," "legislation", etc.).	30		
List two continuing educational opportunities sponsored by this organization	5		
List relevant publications for the organization	5		
Spelling, grammar, punctuation, APA format, meets 1 page summary requirement	10		
Total	100		

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not	Score
D 1 <i>G</i>					Demonstrated	
Briefly	25 points	20 points	12 points	6 points	0 points	
summarize the	Summary is	Summary	Summary	Summary	No summary	
relationship of	clear,	with	with some	poor with	provided	
the issue to	accurate, and	occasional	lack of	significant		
health care	concise	lack of	clarity,	lack of		
policy,		clarity,	accuracy, or	clarity,		
organization, or		accuracy, or	conciseness	accuracy, or		
financing (25%)		conciseness		conciseness		
Analyze and	30 points	25 points	20 points	10 points	0 points	
describe the	Content is	Content is	Content is	Content is	Content not	
implications of	completely	somewhat	only	incompletely	provided	
the issue for	and fully	completely	partially	addressed		
advanced	addressed	addressed	addressed			
practice nursing						
or health care						
administration						
(30%)						
Discuss the	25 points	20 points	12 points	6 points	0 points	
effect of the	Discussion of	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion of	
issue on local,	effect is fully	of effect is	of effect is	of effect is	effect not	
state, national,	addressed	somewhat	only	incompletely	provided	
and/or global		completely	partially	addressed	-	
health		addressed	addressed			
care services						
(25%)						
Organization	10 points	8 points	6 points	2 points	0 points	
and Clarity of	Organized	Occasional	Some lack	General lack	No organization	
the Paper	and clear	lack of	of	of	and clarity	
(10%)		organization	organization	organization	-	
		and clarity	and clarity	and clarity		
		-	-	-		

Policy Reaction Paper Grading Criteria

Spelling,	10 points	8 points	6 points	2 points	0 points
Punctuation,	Free from	Occasional	Some	Spelling,	The assignment is
Grammar, APA	spelling,	minor	significant	punctuation,	full of spelling,
format,	punctuation,	spelling,	spelling,	grammar,	punctuation,
maximum 4	grammar, and	punctuation,	punctuation,	and/or APA	grammar, and/or
pages in length	APA errors.	grammar,	grammar,	errors	APA errors.
(counting title		and/or APA	and/or APA	distract the	
page or		errors do	errors are	reader to the	
reference page)		not distract	present, but	extent that	
(10%)		the reader.	the overall	the meaning	
			meaning is	is unclear.	
			clear.		
TOTAL					

Policy Critique Paper Grading Criteria

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not	Score
					Demonstrated	
Description and	10 points	7.5 points	5 points	2.5 points	0 points	
history of policy,	Description	Description	Description	Description	Description	
significant	and history	and history	and history	and history	and history not	
persons or	completely	somewhat	only partially	incompletely	provided	
organizations,	and fully	completely	provided	provided		
coverage of	provided	provided				
legislative and						
other relevant						
processes						
involved in						
implementation						
(10%)						
Evaluation of	15 points	12 points	10 points	5 points	0 points	
policy	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation not	
effectiveness	completely	somewhat	only partially	incompletely	provided	
related to intent	and fully	completely	provided	provided		
and purpose	provided	provided				
(15%)						
Evaluation of	15 points	12 points	10 points	5 points	0 points	
economic impact,	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation not	
cost	completely	somewhat	only partially	incompletely	provided	
effectiveness, or	and fully	completely	provided	provided		
related	provided	provided				
budgetary						
issues						
(15%)						
Effect of policy	15 points	12 points	10 points	5 points	0 points	
on local, state,	Discussion	Discussion of	Discussion of	Discussion of	Discussion of	
national, and	of effect is	effect is	effect is only	effect is	effect not	
global health	fully	somewhat	partially	incompletely	provided	
services,	addressed	completely	addressed	addressed		
especially		addressed				
focused on						
minority						

nonulationa						
populations						
(15%)		10				
Implications for	20 points	18 points	15 points	2.5 points	0 points	
advanced	Implications	Implications	Implications	Implications	Implications	
practice and	fully	somewhat	only partially	incompletely	not provided	
evaluation of	addressed	completely	addressed	addressed		
policy in terms of		addressed				
future						
implications						
(20%)						
Current	5 points	4 points	3 points	1 point	0 points	
references and	All	Most	Three or	Only one	No references	
resources used	references	references	fewer	reference or	or resources	
(including	and	and resources	references	resource is	are current	
		current within	and resources	current within		
personal	resources				within the past	
contacts,	current	the past 5	current within	the past 5	5 years; topic	
professional	within the	years; topic	the past 5	years; topic	not approved.	
journals, and	past 5 years;	approved on	years; topic	approved 3 or		
government	topic	time.	approved 1-2	more days		
documents, etc.);	approved on		days late.	late.		
topic approved	time.					
by deadline.						
(5%)						
Organization	10 points	7.5 points	5 points	2 points	0 points	
and clarity of	Organized	Occasional	Some lack of	General lack	No	
paper	and clear.	lack of	organization	of	organization	
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Spelling,	10 points	8 points	6 points	2 points	0 points	
Punctuation,	Free from	Occasional	Some	Spelling,	The	
Grammar, APA	spelling,	minor	significant	punctuation,	assignment is	
format,	punctuation,	spelling,	spelling,	grammar,	full of	
maximum 10	grammar,	punctuation,	punctuation,	and/or APA	spelling,	
pages in length	and APA	grammar,	grammar,	errors distract	punctuation,	
(counting title	errors.	and/or APA	and/or APA	the reader to	grammar,	
page or reference		errors do not	errors are	the extent that	and/or APA	
page)		distract the	present, but	the meaning	errors.	
(10%)		reader.	the overall	is unclear.		
			meaning is			
			clear.			
Total	1	1	1	1		

Criteria	Possible Points	Score	Comments
Comprehensive review and analysis of policy, origin, and implementation	20		
Comprehensive review and analysis of effectiveness, finance/cost, and effect on health services-focused on minority populations	20		
Comprehensive review and analysis of application to advanced practice nursing/health care administration and implications for the future	20		
Presentation methods enhanced oral presentation	10		
Organization and clarity of presentation	10		
Use of proper grammar, spelling, punctuation Readability	10		
Limit of fifteen (15) slides Twenty (20) minutes maximum for presentation	10		
TOTAL	100		

Policy Critique Presentation Grading Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points	Score	Comments
Analyze the dynamics of the Texas Legislature.	20		
Describe one of the significant proposed bills or policies during the 86 th Texas Legislative Session and identify the stakeholders.	20		
Briefly summarize the progress (history) of the bill during the legislative session (i.e. introduced, in committee, scheduled for public hearing, etc.)			
Describe the proposed bill or policy and possible effect on health care delivery and advanced practice nursing in Texas	20		
Describe the feedback received from the Legislator or staff during TNP Capitol Day	20		
Organization and clarity of paper Introductory and concluding paragraphs Maximum 4 pages in length (counting title page or reference page)	10		
Grammar, spelling, punctuation APA format	10		
TOTAL	100	<u> </u>	

Legislative Visit and Paper Grading Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points	Score	Comments
Attendance at required meetings	15		
Description of the positive aspects of the policy reviewed	15		
Describe areas and ways in which the policy could be improved	15		
Discuss learning that occurred from meeting and/or event attendance and policy review	20		
Current references and resources (within 5 years) used including personal contacts, professional journals, government documents	15		
Organization and clarity of policy and procedure Maximum 2 pages in length	10		
Grammar, spelling, punctuation, maximum APA format	10		
TOTAL	100		

Disaster Preparedness Policy Grading Criteria