

## **Healthcare Policy**

Advanced, Liberal, 4 credits

Healthcare Policy is considered to be an advanced level knowledge that is liberal. It represents higher level theory and concepts that human service workers have acquired through applied practice. Advanced level knowledge indicates that you are able to use terminology, concepts, and theory in an applied way. Healthcare Policy is more often about why we do things (i.e., liberal) and not necessarily how we do things (i.e., non-liberal). At Empire State College, the Healthcare Policy course is offered at the advanced level.

Please use the questions below to structure your PLA submission on the topic of Healthcare Policy. Copy each question and respond directly below it. If you utilize an outside source, such as a website or a book, make sure to reference this in your response. The responses to the questions should be submitted in a Word document and uploaded in PLA Planner. In PLA Planner, you would list the topic as Healthcare Policy, asking for 4 credits, and designate this as Advanced Level and Liberal.

Please note – responding to these questions is not a guarantee of credit. You will still be expected to speak with an evaluator and answer any supplemental questions that they may have. The evaluator would then make a credit determination.

### **Questions for Students to respond to**

**We suggest you save this document with your name and the title of the PLA (e.g., Smith Healthcare Policy PLA) and answer beneath each question below.**

Name:

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PLA Title: Healthcare Policy

Number of Credits Requested: 4

Type: Advanced, Liberal

1. Please briefly explain your experiences in the healthcare field.

2. As Medicare is a crucial policy in the US, please answer the questions below. Please feel free to utilize references for this, just make sure to cite appropriately.

- What is the history of the policy? When was it enacted? What was it meant to serve? What type of issue(s) was it meant to solve?
- Briefly explain the policy – who benefits and what eligibility criteria is there to receive benefits? What type of services or benefits are provided under it? Who implements the policy (federal, state, local)?
- Explain 2 changes that have occurred in the policy since it was enacted and discuss why these changes were made.
- Name 2 strengths of the policy
- Name 2 weaknesses of the policy
- What would you want a patient to know about this policy?

3. As Medicaid is a crucial policy in the US, please answer the questions below. Please feel free to utilize references for this, just make sure to cite appropriately.

- What is the history of the policy? When was it enacted? What was it meant to serve? What type of issue(s) was it meant to solve?
- Briefly explain the policy – who benefits and what eligibility criteria is there to receive benefits? What type of services or benefits are provided under it? Who implements the policy (federal, state, local)?
- Explain 2 changes that have occurred in the policy since it was enacted and discuss why these changes were made.
- Name 2 strengths of the policy
- Name 2 weaknesses of the policy
- What would you want a patient to know about this policy?

4. The Affordable Care Act is the newest healthcare policy. Please feel free to utilize references for this, just make sure to cite appropriately. Please answer the following questions.

- What is the history of the policy? When was it enacted? What was it meant to serve? What type of issue(s) was it meant to solve?
- Briefly explain the policy – who benefits and what eligibility criteria is there to receive benefits? What type of services or benefits are provided under it? Who implements the policy (federal, state, local)?
- Explain 2 changes that have occurred in the policy since it was enacted and discuss why these changes were made.
- Name 2 strengths of the policy
- Name 2 weaknesses of the policy
- What would you want a patient to know about this policy?