



Department of Family & Community Medicine
AHEC Senior Family Medicine Clerkship

Reflection Paper Description

Purpose: Patients do not just present with either health or pathology. Patients present as members of a greater community and culture. Many health outcomes are greatly determined by community and cultural influences. The reflection is an opportunity to describe your overall clinical experience and the outcome of your community service project.

Instructions: Please address the following questions in your reflection paper regarding your overall clinical experience and the outcome of your community service project.

Clinical Experience: You should address the following items regarding your overall clinical experience.

- How did your patients' culture of origin impact their presentation?
- What strengths did their culture of origin endow to your patients?
- What barriers to good health did you note that might be attributed to either culture of origin or greater societal challenges? Consider the following factors: social, economic, environmental.

Community Service Project: You should address the following items regarding the outcome of your community service project.

- Describe your community service project and who you chose to work with.
- How many people did your service project impact?
- What were the outcomes of the service project?
- What insights, skills, and knowledge did you gain from completing the service project?

Grading Rubric for Reflection Paper Assignment: Quality papers demonstrate deep reflection on the course themes (Cultural Competence, Personal Bias, Health Disparities and Determinants of Health), the ability to connect the course themes with the patients you are seeing on the clerkship and the target audience of your community service project. The minimal length of the paper is 500 words. You must provide a minimum of two new reference articles that support your overall position. Articles currently listed in the syllabus and/or course documents and assignments page may be referenced, but **will not** count toward the "two new reference articles" for this assignment. All articles should be referenced in your response and listed with full citation at the end of your paper.

Grading Rubric:

- Assignment completed in a timely manner: **10 points**
- At least 500 words with proper written format of double spaced 12 point font and with no grammatical errors: **10 points**
- Examples from the 2 reference articles used to demonstrate and support points: **20 points**
- Careful thought given to the connections between course themes and the issues seen in patients in the outpatient setting: **20 points**
- Clear description of the community service project and the outcomes of the project: **20 points**
- Clear demonstration the student is thinking carefully about how to change poor outcomes for patients and communities: **20 points**