**PSYCHOLOGY 2314 WRITING ASSIGNMENT**

**You in addition to your classmates are aspiring psychologists staffing your clinical cases by providing a case study of your patient based upon the facts and criteria that are given to you. Each student will receive a patient case study with various variables, life stressors, medical/mental disorders, etc. You are to construct a case study using the variables given and your analytical, critical thinking skills, and imagination.**

You will present a

1. 10 minute PowerPoint presentation to your fellow cohorts and me the Lead Clinician.
2. Provide everyone in the classroom a set of PowerPoints per the format discussed in class. Portions of your presentations will be included in the final
3. Everyone will receive a patient with a summarized case history. Each patient has a variety of variables including but not limited to medical and mental disabilities, other mental disorders as defined by the DSM V, psychosocial factors or stressors in certain periods of the human life span spectrum.
4. If the case history focuses on certain factors in the life of the patient then those are areas of interest and should be explored further and will impact your grade. However how you choose to address it is up to you.
5. Some patients may reside in other states if so location plays an important variable in the life of the patient. For example if your patient is serving a death sentence in California vs Texas death and dying would be contextual and based on the laws of the state and impacts aftercare. If your client resides in a state with medical treatments that are illegal in other states then treatment options for your patient may vary.
6. Each presenter should prepare for Q&A from your cohorts especially from the lead clinician
7. **All cohorts (audience members)** Part of your grade will not only consist of your own presentation but each student is expected to ask a minimum of 4 questions from presenters of your choice. Remember I am not asking that each student ask 4 questions per presentation rather **4 questions from the entire collection of case studies presented.**
8. Each presenter will **WRITE** a references section in APA style that will be incorporated into your power points and at the end of the presentation
9. Your references section will be turned in as a packet in addition to your PowerPoint and any other materials you may be using. Reference sections should be in APA form and submitted as a word document at the time of your presentation
10. A minimum of 5 references from peer review (academic journals) are required in addition to citing all other resources utilized for

**I want everyone to use not only their imagination but you critical thinking and analytical skills.**

**FRAMEWORK FOR CASE STUDY**

Though each patient will present with a variety of factors your presentation should encompass all the material from the book, lectures, and other works as assigned. Each patient will vary and no one person will be the same however you will have to address each of the following sections that encompasses the study of lifespan psychology. The areas needing to be addressed are as follows:

1. The beginnings (conception / biological/ teratogens)
2. Childhood Development
	1. The first two years (infants and toddlers)
	2. Early childhood
	3. Middle Childhood
	4. Adolescence
3. Adulthood
	1. Emerging Adulthood and Adulthood
	2. Late Adulthood
4. Death and Dying

This project can be as interesting as you want to make it. I encourage everyone to do field work which is when you are in the community interviewing, participating, observing subjects or exploring resources that provide assistance, support, and/or education.

**WOW FACTOR**

Wow factors will most certainly guarantee you a high grade. Wow factors is when you leave the halls of academia, library, or your home and go into the community looking for resources that increases your knowledge of the material and would benefit your peers from knowing as well. WOW factors can include interviews with outside resources in the area appropriate to your patient. For example interviewing people in certain communities or religious institutions that will increase your knowledge in any or all of the areas listed above. Observing a meeting for people in recovery. Participating / attending the Special Olympics.

I HIGHLY recommend you look into the community and partake in some type of field work.

I can also be a wealth of information as far as resources in the city and encourage you to talk to me about your projects throughout the semester for assistance or guidance.

Your projects will be due towards the end of the semester however until I am able to confirm dates of speakers I cannot give you a finite day.

I am assigning these projects early to allow you to think about the direction of your projects. I HIGHLY suggest that if you intend to partake in field work that you start early. Many people in the community that work in the private sphere and nonprofit arena are all very willing to meet with students for interviews however due to their time scheduling in advance is highly advised.

I will hold debriefings once a week to do mini-staffings of your assigned patient in order to better help you understand the project and seek out proper sources and resources.