

5 Page DHA Admission Essay

As part of the admission review process the DHA Program requires that you complete the following assignment and return it to us. Review of your application will not be done until the paper is received.

Send the completed paper to:

CMU Global Campus Admissions, 802 Industrial Drive, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Electronic submission is encouraged at cmuglobal@cmich.edu. Fax copies will be allowed at 989-774-1998.

Pick one of the following premises and write a five (5) page paper defending or attacking the premise. You are to locate at least three reference sources as part of the assignment. Wikipedia and other such websites cannot be used as a source, nor can opinion type websites. Academically oriented websites are allowed as well as professional and research journal articles. The paper should use no more than a 12-point font and be no more than double spaced.

The title page and reference list is not included in the five page limitation. Keep the narrative within the five page limit.

The paper will be evaluated based on your ability to formulate an argument and the logical flow of the argument, spelling and grammar, sentence structure, syntax, references selected and used, appropriate citations, and critical analytical abilities in addressing the premise you choose. You may use any format for writing the paper, such as APA, AMA, MLA, or another style; however, be consistent.

Premise 1: Take a position on whether you believe there is a significant lack of leadership in the healthcare field in meeting the organizational or clinical needs of the population. You will need to (1) decide what aspect of healthcare you want to address, (2) decide whether you believe there is evidence to support the premise that there is a lack of leadership or if the opposite is true – that there is not a lack of leadership, and (3) determine how you will organize the argument.

Premise 2: Healthcare is a global concern whether it is epidemiology, delivery of health services, cost of providing various aspects of health services, sanitation, disease control, health indicators, or some other aspect. Either speak to why healthcare should be considered a global concern or why it is not a global concern. You will need to focus on specific aspects of health and develop the argument based on that slice. It is unlikely you can address this broadly.

Premise 3: It has been said that the fear of medical liability drives healthcare providers, particularly physicians, to unnecessarily order diagnostic tests and to perform treatments and procedures that may not be necessary, simply to ensure that nothing is left undone. Is this in fact the case? Defend your position on this premise using the literature.

Premise 4: The move to increase consumer participation in health decision-making will ultimately result in better health outcomes for patients and less expensive care being provided. Take a position either in favor of this premise or in opposition. You will need to examine the research concerning (1) consumer-centered healthcare, (2) appropriate role of consumers in decision-making about their own care, (3) obstacles to this happening, and (4) whether consumer participation makes a difference.