

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Incoming School of Health Technology and Management Students

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SUBJECT: Writing Diagnostic Test

The School of Health Technology and Management has a responsibility to graduate health care professionals who have, among other things, the ability to write clearly. A writing diagnostic test is given to incoming students to identify those who may require assistance or remediation.

The SHTM writing diagnostic test will be administered online. Instructions are attached. **Unless otherwise notified by your program, all incoming students are required to participate.**

You will be asked to complete a diagnostic test and write a five-paragraph essay addressing the issue on the attached instruction page.

The format for your essay is as follows:

1. An introductory paragraph identifying the issue and introducing the essay's central idea or theme.
2. A three-paragraph body in which you develop your idea or argument and support it.
3. A closing paragraph summarizing your thoughts.

You must submit both the online diagnostic test and your essay by e-mail to Carol.Russo@stonybrook.edu by June 25, 2007.

Please remember that this is a required diagnostic test for new SHTM students. The results will not impact your matriculation in the school, but will assist the faculty to identify any students who may need assistance.

Each student will also complete a writing requirement administered by individual programs prior to graduation. The writing requirement will be explained to you by your program.

**Stony Brook University
School of Health Technology and Management
Upper Division Writing Requirement
Orientation 2007**

All students entering the School of Health Technology and Management must pass an upper division writing requirement. As part of this requirement, you will complete an online diagnostic writing test. Please follow the directions below carefully.

How to log on and register for the online site:

1. Log on to www.dianahacker.com/writersref
2. Choose the Additional Resources box
3. Choose Electronic Diagnostic Tests
4. Scroll down and choose test BB
5. Fill in your e-mail address and a password
6. Choose student registration
7. Register your information. This registration is required for all students. The instructor e-mail address is carol.russo@stonybrook.edu
8. Once your registration is completed, check to make sure the instructor's e-mail address shows on the next screen.
9. Test BB will appear on the next screen. Answer all of the questions and choose the submit button at the end of the test.

In addition, you must submit an essay based on your own experiences and opinions discussing the following:

“The elderly population is the fastest growing segment in American society. The increase in this segment is expected to continue long into the future as the first wave of “baby boomers”* reaches retirement age within the next few years.

You have chosen to pursue an education leading to a career in health care that will undoubtedly involve the care of elders. From the perspective of your chosen health care profession, identify three key health care issues confronting the elderly population, and describe what you, as a health care professional, can do to help address each of these issues.”

(*Baby Boomers are people born between 1946 and 1964. They range from 43 to 61 years of age. There are about 72 million of them in the US, accounting for 29% of the population.)

You must complete and submit both the test and essay to carol.russo@stonybrook.edu between the receipt of this information in May and June 25, 2007. Use of reference material is not necessary.