## Unit VI Academic Paper Instructions



This assignment focuses on the following course outcomes:

Course Outcome 2: Develop a plan for managing goals and priorities. Course Outcome 3: Utilize learning strategies for academic success.

Course Outcome 5: Develop strategies for career success. Course Outcome 6: Create an academic paper in APA format.

In the first four units of this course, you have learned about your personal motivation to attend college; the importance of setting goals; how you learn best, and study methods that work with each learning style or learning preference. In Unit V, you were challenged to find an article in your career field and to practice using an in-text citation and reference citation. Now you will have an opportunity to draft a paper about the topics within each unit. The purpose of this paper is for you to experience the process of preparing an academic paper and to think critically about career goals, time management, and study methods. This written assignment asks you to write a paper on the following topic: *My Strategy for College Success*. Include each of the following in your paper:

- A title page.
- Describe your career goals (150 words). The heading for this section is Career Goals.
  - With the article from the Unit V Library Search Exercise, include in this section a brief two
    or three sentence description about how the article relates to your career interests.
  - o Include a quotation from the article along with the appropriate in-text citation.
  - Remember to place the reference citation (for the article) in APA style on the References page.
  - Include a sentence listing three courses that are both related to your career goals and also from your Degree Advisement Plan.
- Describe how you will utilize time-management skills effectively to achieve goals (150 words).
   The heading for this section is Time Management Techniques.
- Describe your learning style and the study methods that you will use to be successful in college (150 words). The heading for this section is **Study Methods for Academic Success**.
  - Include a paraphrase from your course textbook to support your learning style and study methods along with an in-text citation.
  - Remember to place the reference citation (for the textbook) in APA style on the References page.
- A References page.
  - o On a separate page, list the references for your paper.
  - o The heading, References, should be centered at the top of the page.
  - The reference citations should be formatted according to the type of source. In other words, a book is formatted one way, and an article is formatted another way.
  - Include one inch margins on all sides of the page.
  - List the citations in alphabetical order according to the first author's last name.
  - o Apply double-spacing throughout the page.
  - Each reference citation should be formatted with a hanging indentation.

The heading for each paper section, **Career Goals**, **Time Management Techniques**, and **Study Methods for Academic Success**, will be a level one heading in the paper. Align each heading to the center of the page and ensure the font is in boldface. <u>Click here</u> to view the formatting in an academic paper.

<u>Click here</u> to view an example of a completed academic paper.

**Submit.** Save this assignment as a word-processing document (i.e., Word). Name the file with your first name, last name, and Unit VI Academic Paper. Here is an example: *John Smith Unit VI Academic Paper*. Click on "View/Complete" to submit it. When you are inside the assignment, there will be a place to attach a file.