

City University of New York, LaGuardia Community College
Natural & Applied Science Department
Practical Nursing Program

SCL 102: The Science and Art of Nursing I – Introduction to Practical Nursing

ADVOCACY LETTER

HIGH STAKE WRITING ASSIGNMENT #1

WEIGHT 15%

DUE DATE: _____

Activity Objectives

1. Reinforce the need for practical nurses to remain politically aware of issues affecting nursing, health care or their community.
2. Provide the opportunity to express one's point of view about a community, local, state or national health issue.

Description

1. Select a community, local, state or national issue of interest. A health issue is preferable, but not absolutely necessary. Check with instructor for appropriateness.
2. Write a one-page letter to an appropriate legislator, organization or influential individual(s) who can address the issue.
3. Submit 2 copies of the letter, along with an addressed and stamped envelope. **Note:**
Instructor will mail letter.

Letter Tips (Also see letter writing handouts)

1. Know whom to contact. If the matter is a **Community or Local** matter, contact the appropriate local official or individual. If the matter is a **State** matter, contact appropriate state official. If matter is **National** in scope, contact the appropriate US senator, member of the House of Representatives or where relevant the President of the US.
2. If you are writing about a passage of a law, know the bill number if one has been assigned. To obtain a copy of a Bill check the websites of/or write:

US Senate Bills	House Bill
Senate Documents Office	Doorkeeper of the House
Washington, DC 20510	US Capitol, Washington, DC 20510

Enclose a mailing label for faster service. To request copies of a **State Bill** contact the legislator who sponsored the bill, or contact your own local legislator.
3. Plan what you want to communicate in advance.
4. When writing letter, identify self as a nursing student. Outline concern about the issue. State the position you would like the official or person to take. If possible, underscore your point with examples.

NOTE

This assignment is 15% of overall grade. Appropriateness, organization, and grammar do matter.