**MODULE 2: POLICY ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK PAPER**

**Purpose:** This assignment will enhance your Skills in political analysis and strategies aimed at influencing policy changes.

**Directions:** Upload a 5 paged double spaced paper (excluding cover page and reference page)

1. **Define Context of the Policy Issue/ Problem**: Briefly describe the political context for the issue under examination. Include the socio-political, economic, ethical, historical, cultural factors relevant to the issue. This step is crucial in forming the basis for the policy analysis. Include the 5Ws and H (who, what, when, where, why and how) aspects of the issue. Provide a specific practice based concern or public health issue of concern at State or National level.
2. **Policy Lenses:** Briefly discuss how your personal values, beliefs, experiences, ethics, political philosophies and ideologies guide your views about the issue.
3. **Describe** a specific policy framework/model of choice that applies to your issue
4. **Evidence Based Policy Change:** Discuss research and evidence based policy change strategies and options to address the issue. Using a balanced approach discuss at least two alternative policy responses for consideration Examine the "best practices" of other agencies, as well as emerging policy proposals.
5. **Apply** the selected model/framework and analyze the political feasibility of solving the issue using the selected framework. What are the key concepts in the model/framework? How does your policy issue fit within this framework? What are the barriers and facilitators in addressing the issue? How can you advance this issue on the policy agenda? Who holds the power to advance this issue? What networks and coalitions exist that are involved in this issue
6. **Recommendations**: Of the two policy alternatives you presented, end your policy analysis with a summary of the preferred policy option. Justify why this option is preferred. Conclude with a discussion of the implications for nursing leadership policy and practice.

| **Criteria** | **Possible Points(100)** | **Points Earned** | **Comments** |
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| **Policy Issue Description:** Provide comprehensive overview of health policy issue to include socio-economic, political, cultural and ethical aspects of the issue | **10** |  |  |
| **Policy Lenses:** discuss how values, beliefs, experiences, political philosophy, and political ideologies influence decision making | **20** |  |  |
| **Policy Analysis Framework:** Describe and apply a specific policy framework/model of choice to the health policy issue of interest | **20** |  |  |
| **Evidence Based Policy Change:** Discuss research and evidence based policy change strategies and options to address the issue. Using a balanced approach discuss at least two alternative policy responses for consideration | **20** |  |  |
| **Recommendations**: Provide justification for policy recommendation and discuss implications for nursing health policy and practice  | **20** |  |  |
| **Clear grammar**, spelling, writing style, references, double spaced paper within fivepage limit (excluding references and title page) and APA style. Headings are expected. Please use the grading criterial items for headings. | **10** |  |  |
| TOTAL | **100** |  |  |

**Submit: Policy Analysis Framework Paper by the end of Week 2 on Saturday night at 11.59pm**