**Assignment: The History of Public Health and the Role of the Nurse Leader in the Community**

Using Chapter 2 in the course textbook, your assigned reading on the role of the nurse in a specific public health setting, and this week’s media presentation, address the following in a **2- to 3-page paper**: **APA style with references**

Trace the history of the public health nurse including the contributions made by Lillian Wald and the Henry Street Settlement. Also, summarize the role of the nurse leader in the community.

Include the following in your summary:

* Explain how the core functions nurse leader in the community and the standards of practice are met with the nurse leader in the community.
* Describe the population served by the nurse leader in the community.
* Which interventions might the nurse leader in the community utilize?
* Explain the level of practice used in this practice setting (primary/secondary/tertiary).
* Describe an ethical dilemma that might be encountered by the nurse leader in the community

Text Book:

Stanhope, M., & Lancaster, J. (2016). Public health nursing: Population-centered health care in the community (9th ed.) Philadelphia: Mosby Elsevier.

Chapter 2, “History of Public Health and Public and Community Health Nursing”

This selection uses a historical approach to highlight the past and present of two areas of nursing: public and community health, beginning with the colonial America period. There is a strong emphasis on how learning from the past informs future public health challenges.

Media:

Laureate Education (Producer). (2009). *Family, community and population-based care: Introduction.* Baltimore, MD: Author.

**NURS 4010/NURS 4011: Week 1 Assignment Rubric: The History of Public Health and the Role of the Community/Public Health Nurse**  
*Due by* ***Day 7*** *of* ***Week 1***.

For this Assignment, write a 2- to 3-page paper tracing the history of the public health nurse including the contributions made by Lillian Wald and the Henry Street Settlement. Also, summarize the role of the nurse in the practice setting assigned. Use the following guidelines and evaluation criteria and the headings below for each section. Use a minimum of three references from the professional nursing literature in the assigned course readings and other references in the Walden Library. If they are relevant, you may use one or two professional Web sites in addition to the literature references.

* **Overview—20 points**  
    
  Begin this paper with a brief paragraph that provides an overview of the assignment and its purpose. There is no separate heading for this paragraph; the heading for this paragraph is the same as the title of the paper. This paragraph will be about 2–3 sentences. The last sentence in this paragraph is a sentence that begins "The purpose of this paper is to…¨
* **History of Public Health Nursing—30 points**Summarize the history of public health nursing and how that has influenced the core functions of community/public health nursing and the standards of practice as it relates to the specific role assigned to you. This section will be 2–3 paragraphs.
* **Impact on nursing practice—40 points**  
    
  Outline the population served by the nurse in the role assigned. Discuss the interventions a nurse in this role may utilize. Explain the level of practice used in the practice setting of the assigned role (primary, secondary, tertiary) and an ethical dilemma that may be encountered in that nursing role. Provide an analysis of how this information impacts the profession of nursing. This section will be 2–3 paragraphs.
* **Summary—10 point**End the paper with a 1-paragraph summary of the main points of the paper.

**Format/Style**

Proofread the paper as described in the tips for success in this course and correct any typos, grammar, spelling, punctuation, syntax, or **APA format** errors before submitting your paper. Up to 40 points can be deducted from the grade for this assignment for these types of errors, or for not using at least the minimum number of required references.

**Total points for assignment = 100 points**