**Unit 9 Assignment**

**Final Project**

The goal of this project is to determine the best course of action and what your case formulation would be in a specific case, based upon principles you have learned during the course.

In an 8–10 page paper, provide a plan of action and interpret the crisis within a theoretical framework, drawing from the textbook readings and/or outside research. You must justify the use of the theories you cite and explain the crisis in terms of that theory. You also must use a model of assessment, intervention, and treatment. Include in your assessment the possible psychological diagnosis (if you feel there is a mental illness), how you would treat it, a referral to an appropriate facility if necessary, and your thoughts on how this crisis is most likely to be resolved.

Also discuss the substance abuse of Cassandra’s family members. Is there evidence that states chemical dependency is passed on from one generation to another? Could Cassandra’s behavior be attributed to the cultural environment/genetic make-up with regard to any substance abuse tendencies? Include a discussion of this possibility in your plan of action and explain how traits are inherited in populations and identify genes and DNA as the mechanism for inheritance.

Lastly, discuss the ethical issues that may arise during your crisis work, including how you would handle the client’s homicidal ideation as well as the presence of police officers during a confidential interview. Also include which characteristics of a crisis worker are needed specifically for this case. Indicate what additional information you would want to gather, how you would gather it, and how that information would change your approach with this client. Finally, describe how you would handle the escalation in behaviors from the client and ensure her safety.

**Directions**

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the Assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

* Include a cover page and references page in 10–12 point font (Arial, Courier, and Times New Roman are acceptable)
* Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
* Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)
* Writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful
* Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
* Appropriate citation style should be followed

You should also make sure to:

* Include a title page with full name, class name, section number, and date
* Include an introductory and concluding paragraph and demonstrate college-level communication through the composition of original materials in Standard American English
* Use examples to support your discussion
* Cite all sources on a separate reference page at the end of your paper and cited within the body of your paper using APA format

Lastly, please label your projects: username-project-unit#.doc. For example, a student named Tina Allen would name her file TAllen-Anatomical Terminology-Unit 9.doc. Submit your Assignment by selecting the Unit 9: Assignment 2 Dropbox by the end of Unit 9.

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| ***Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.***  | **Not Yet** | **Yes** |
| **Content** |  |  |
| Did you ***identify*** four or more legal, ethical, and professional issues in a crisis situation with all concepts are supported by academically reliable internal and external sources? |  |  |
| Did you ***provide*** a plan of action and interpret the crisis within a theoretical framework? |  |  |
| Did you ***discuss*** the substance abuse of Cassandra’s family members? |  |  |
| Did you ***discuss*** the ethical issues that may arise during your crisis work? |  |  |
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| **Research**  |  |  |
| Is your research ***current***?  |  |  |
| Did you discuss all the required areas in a ***substantive*** manner?  |  |  |
| Did you use appropriate ***reference*** material to support major statements? |  |  |
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| **Quality** |  |  |
| Is your content ***complete*** enough to address the topic and questions?  |  |  |
| Is there a logical flow to your ideas? |  |  |
| Did you present the material in a ***clear and concise*** manner to provide easy readability? |  |  |
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| **Format**  |  |  |
| Did you prepare your project as a ***Microsoft Word*** document? |  |  |
| Did you ***label your file*** correctly?  |  |  |
| Did you use ***APA*** format to cite your sources?  |  |  |
| Did you check your document for ***grammar and spelling?***  |  |  |
| Does your Assignment fulfill the ***length*** requirements? |  |  |
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