COURSE DESCRIPTION:

ANAT 6223 is a graduate course to improve technical writing skills. In each semester, students will attend scientific seminars, take notes, and write brief (approximately 250 word) essays on the content of the seminar. In all, six essays are required in this course OR write 4 essay of approximately 500 words covering the following topics:

1. Autobiography
2. Relevant work experience
3. Motivations for becoming a healthcare professional
4. Why I want to attend GWU

Ultimately, these essays can be stitched together for a personal statement.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
After completing this course, students will improve their technical writing skills.

CREDIT HOURS: 2

PREREQUISITES: Undergraduate degree.

LECTURE CONTACT TIME/HOURS: No set hours, students will proceed at their own pace, submit essays when completed, and receive written feedback from Professor Johnson.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT: Forward essays to Dr. Johnson as MSWord Documents via email. Essays will be read, corrected, and assigned a numerical grade of 0-100 points. The average of six essays and a letter grade will be your grade, using the grading scale for GWU graduate students.

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Classes: Students will attend seminars during the semester or write on their own. There are no formal classes.
Office Hours: Dr. Johnson, 214 Ross Hall, By Appointment
E-mail Communication: Your most efficient way to have questions answered or to communicate with Dr. Johnson is via e-mail.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:


READING LIST: Read Strunk and White cover to cover and keep for the rest of your life.

CLASS POLICIES

Late work: accepted with permission, penalty may be incurred if unduly late as determined by instructor
Religious Holidays: will be accommodated if requested
[NOTE: for university policies on teaching, see http://www.gwu.edu/~academic/Teaching/main.htm]

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
I personally support the GW Code of Academic Integrity. It states: “Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating of any kind, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, and the fabrication of information.” For the remainder of the code, see: http://www.gwu.edu/~ntegrity/code.html

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)
Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Marvin Center, Suite 242, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: http://gwired.gwu.edu/dss/

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER (UCC) 202-994-5300
The University Counseling Center (UCC) offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include:
- crisis and emergency mental health consultations
- confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals
- http://gwired.gwu.edu/counsel/CounselingServices/AcademicSupportServices

SECURITY
In the case of an emergency, if at all possible, the class should shelter in place. If the building that the class is in is affected, follow the evacuation procedures for the building. After evacuation, seek shelter at a predetermined rendezvous location.