Nutrition Research Project:

The research project for this assignment will be a 5-6 page paper on either a disease associated with human nutrition or an interesting nutrition related topic. Your research topic could also be an analysis of a type of diet and how it may be beneficial or detrimental based on its nutritional components. Please check with me for approval before submitting a paper. The research topic must use a minimum of 3 scholarly sources (peer reviewed journal articles) in addition to textbooks if you choose to use them. Your paper should include a reference page and reference sightings within the body of the paper. Do not cite websites unless an author, date and authenticity of the website can be demonstrated.

The paper MUST be typed and be in MLA format using normal font (size 12 & Times New Roman) and double spacing. It must contain a bibliography list as a separate page. **NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** I encourage you to make an appointment to see me, if you are having difficulty or if you have any questions.

Points will be taken off for the following:

1. **Content**-
   - Are there enough relevant details and examples from the research data and original ideas to fully support and explore the project’s main ideas?
   - Are sources cited?

2. **Conclusion**-
   - Is the main point clearly expressed?
   - Does the conclusion relate to the topic and make a further observation?
   - Is how this knowledge helpful as a medical assistant stated clearly? “Having this knowledge is going to benefit me” is not adequate.

3. **Organization**-
   - Are paragraphs organized and arranged effectively in MLA format?
   - Are topic sentences clear and supported with relevant details and examples?

4. **Coherence**-
   - Are ideas focused and connected?
   - Are ideas, examples and details connected with transitional words and phrases?

5. **Grammar/Editing**-
   - Are all sentences complete, instead of fragmented or run-on?
   - Are there spelling errors, misplaced/dangling modifiers or typing errors?
   - Are there margins, spacing, formatting and punctuation correct?
   - Is the first sentence of each paragraph indented five spaces?
   - Are contractions being used? (There should be none.)
   - No use of “I” or “You” or any derivative of these pronouns.
WRITING TIPS

a) Do not use “You” or “I” or any other derivatives when writing a research paper except for the conclusion, because it denotes your opinion. Also do not use contractions. (i.e. don’t)

b) Avoid the typos and grammatical mistakes. Each mistake is penalized 2 points. DO NOT ONLY DEPEND ON SPELL CHECK! It will not correct a word that is spelled correctly even if is used incorrectly.

c) Try to avoid run-on sentences and sentences that are only phrases and not complete sentences.

d) Follow the MLA format for page numbers, font and size, space between paragraphs, indentations and border around your writing.

e) Bibliography- please include a bibliography as a separate page (Page 6 or 7) and use the proper format which can be found in the library. Remember to use a specific format for citing websites. Improper format or no bibliography = 10 pts lost.

f) Use the resources at the library and writing center at CMCC to help you write the best research paper you can write