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Alternate Assignments GENAG 711

Advanced students with relevant professional licenses, certifications, or doctoral degrees may request permission from the instructor to complete an alternate assignment during weeks when we cover basic information for which the student's professional credentials demonstrate mastery. For instance, a student who possesses a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine may request an alternate assignment during weeks in which the class reviews topics in basic anatomy and physiology.

The following conditions apply:

1. The student must demonstrate that s/he possesses one of the following qualifications:
 - a. Certified Safety Professional
 - b. Certified Industrial Hygienist
 - c. Certified Health Physicist
 - d. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
 - e. Professional Engineer
 - f. Any license issued by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts
 - g. Registered Nurse
 - h. Doctor of Dentistry
 - i. Licensed Audiologist
 - j. Relevant licensure/certification/doctorate if approved in advance by the instructor
2. The alternate assignment must occur during a unit directly related to the student's area of expertise; for instance, an audiologist may request permission for an alternate assignment during the unit on hearing protection, but not during the unit on respiratory hazards.
3. The request must be approved in advance by the instructor.
4. The alternate assignment must be equivalent in academic rigor to the following: Read at least two research articles *or* one review article/chapter from *peer-reviewed scientific publications*, and write a 500-word essay discussing how information from the article(s) can be applied to occupational/agricultural health issues being studied that week in class.
5. Peer-reviewed scientific publications are refereed periodicals and books that contain original scientific research or scholarly literature reviews. For the purposes of this course, the following will be considered peer-reviewed scientific journals:
 - a. All publications listed in the *ISI Journal Citation Reports*. Journals are acceptable if they are listed for either the Science Edition or the Social Science Edition. See K-State Libraries Catalog for electronic access to the *ISI Journal Citation Reports*
 - b. All *MMWR* publications (including weekly reports, recommendations & reports, surveillance summaries, and supplements)
 - c. All Institute of Medicine reports
 - d. *Journal of Agromedicine*
 - e. *Journal of Agricultural Safety & Health*
 - f. Other peer-reviewed scientific journals, proceedings, or scholarly book chapters if approved in advance by the instructor