

Sample Reflection Paper

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Introduction

Analyzing healthcare-related bias has been fascinating and highly relevant in the current climate. I have explored how racial and gender disparities continue to negatively impact outcomes of care and patient health, especially among marginalized populations. For example, Black individuals with mental health issues often receive inadequate care or have limited access to necessary resources when compared to their White counterparts (Rader et al., 2020). Additionally, the prevalence of implicit bias among providers can lead to instances of aggression towards patients from underrepresented backgrounds; this behavior is unacceptable and diminishes trust between providers and their communities. As I advance my understanding of healthcare bias, it is becoming increasingly evident that implementing reform initiatives is essential in order to create more equitable systems of care for all patients.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a reflection on my understanding and what I have learned, as well as an insight into the possibility that healthcare providers are not always conscious of their bias.

Healthcare bias is an important topic of discussion, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn more about it. One of the things I have recently discovered is how unconscious bias can influence our thoughts and behavior. It has been interesting to see how unconscious bias can create a false narrative about the merits and abilities of certain people or groups, leading to unfair judgments being made in healthcare settings (Marcelin et al., 2019). It's also been eye-opening to understand that healthcare providers may not always be aware that they are exhibiting bias when they're making decisions or treating patients. Understanding these nuances would help us develop better strategies to ensure fairness in healthcare treatment and access.

Taking this healthcare bias course has given me an entirely new perspective on how to approach situations related to the field (Marcelin et al., 2019). The knowledge that I have gained throughout the course has had a significant impact on how I come to certain conclusions; it has made me realize that there are factors that can influence these outcomes and create biased decisions (Gopal et al., 2021). Moreover, this class has taught me to observe situations more critically, rather than going in with my preconceived notions about what may happen. For example, when addressing a case regarding healthcare disparities based on race, this course allowed me to see the role of socioeconomic inequality within such a situation through a much deeper lens. In summation, I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity that this course gave me to refine my understanding of healthcare bias and its relation to various contexts.

Studying healthcare bias has profoundly shaped how I view the world and the universe. To begin, it has opened my eyes to the disparities that exist in healthcare access and outcomes. At the same time, it has made me more aware of privilege and marginalized identities. Acknowledging people's differences does not make me feel helpless, but rather empowered (Joseph et al., 2021). By understanding health inequities better, I now know how to take action from an informed position. As a result, my outlook is one of hope for a just and equitable future of healthcare where all are provided equal opportunities to access quality care.

Conclusion

Healthcare Bias is an important topic to study and reflect on as a future healthcare professional. We have the opportunity in this class to unpack our own implicit biases and understand how they influence practice and patient experiences (Rader et al., 2020). This critical exploration can help us build more equitable, just, and effective healthcare systems. By furthering our understanding of ingrained bias dynamics within healthcare environments, we are

better able to identify where institutional biases exist, notice when patients are suffering from dis-empowered experiences, and construct new ways of working towards greater equity. This knowledge will serve as an ongoing resource for me in my future practice, allowing me to take the tools I've learned here into healthcare settings and facilitate culturally competent care for all patients.

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