

PSYC 3461_SW3 - Psychology of Adulthood and Aging (Fall 2021 Ramoo)

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Introduction

This assignment is based on Module 4 and deals with meaning, death, and successful aging. Before you attempt this assignment, make sure that you have completed all readings and learning activities for Module 4. Also, consult the [Cite my sources: Style Guides](#) and the TRU Writing Centre [resources](#). We recommend that you submit this assignment by the end of **Week 13**.

Note: This assignment only has one option.

Note: If you have any problems locating any of the resources needed to complete this assignment, remember to contact a TRU-OL librarian and/or your Open Learning Faculty Member.

Criteria for Grading Assignments

Your assignments should be independently developed and reflect your best efforts. The grade that is assigned to your assignment work will be based on evidence that you have:

- Addressed the questions or assignment posed.
- Developed responses that are clear, well-reasoned, original, and demonstrate critical thinking.
- Used specific rationale and examples to support your answer.
- Demonstrated a clear understanding and application of course material.
- Met university-level expectations for written communication, including logical organization and correct sentence structure, grammar, and spelling.

Please refer also to any additional criteria that may be included in this individual assignment.

Note: Use the American Psychological Association (APA) documentation style to format your references.

Instructions

This assignment requires that you to write an academic paper on a topic about adults. Your topic should examine a current concern in Canadian society in which you are particularly interested. Be sure that you consult the style guide when you are preparing your paper. Use an essay format and write approximately 1600–2000 words, approximately 8.5–10 double-spaced, typewritten pages. Use at least four references in your paper. Two of these should be from research articles from Canadian journals published within the last 5 years. You may also use media discussions, websites, or books on your topic as long as they were published within the last five years. Do not use a general textbook as a reference for adult development. You can use the TRU library for research purposes and request a book or other materials through its Distance, Regional & Open Learning (DROL) library service. In addition, you can also use community resources, such as brochures on relevant local programs for adults. The following marking guide will be used for your paper.



Style (25 marks): These marks are given for proper grammar, title page, correct use of references in APA style, and, in general, for evidence of consulting the style guide.

Introduction (20 marks): These marks are awarded for providing a theme statement and how you structure your paper to address it.

Body (35 marks): These marks are, in part, given for use of informative headings to express your ideas, which should follow a logical sequence and be supported with examples and rationale from the literature. Check the APA style guide to ensure that you have correctly documented your sources. Paraphrase your ideas and refrain from using too many direct quotes.

Conclusions (20 marks): In this section, these marks are given for a synopsis of your paper and for a statement about what you have concluded from your study of the topic. You also can use this section to provide ideas for future research.

Selected Topics in Adult Development

Following are some sample topics for your consideration (this list is not exhaustive and you may choose your own, if you wish):

- Meaningful death
- Assisted suicide
- Entering the job market as a young adult
- Going back to school as a middle-aged or older adult
- Illness of adults and problems for health care
- Elder abuse
- Ethical issues associated with denying health care to older persons
- The time when adolescence ends and young adulthood begins
- Taking courses by distance in middle adulthood

When trying to understand the origins of your topic, and to outline it thoroughly, you may want to review aspects of adult development, such as changes in the physical body, cognitive processes, social roles and relationships, and other issues discussed earlier in the course and covered in the textbook. Remember to use at least four outside references. You can bring in your own opinions and personal experiences in your essay, providing that they are "informed," i.e., they are knowledgeable and integrated with research on the topic.

Submission Instructions

Read the Assignment Submission Instructions. As soon as you complete Assignment 4, submit your document to your Open Learning Faculty Member.

Submission status

Attempt number	This is attempt 1 (20 attempts allowed).
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