**Final Essay**

In the final essay, you will select one of your Position Papers and develop it into a 5-7 page research paper about whether a particular piece of healthcare technology affirms or denies human dignity.

**Content Requirements (see also outline below):**

* Concise introduction that provides context for the discussion and includes a clear thesis statement.
* Well-organized body paragraphs that include a topic sentence, relevant evidence using the evidence sandwich method, and a connector sentence to link the analysis back to the main point of the essay.
* Clear conclusion that reiterates the thesis statement and considers the “so what” or broader implication of this particular form of healthcare technology.
* Thorough, critical, and thoughtful analysis of a type of healthcare technology and human dignity, using ample evidence and examples to support all claims.
* Use of at least 5 credible, relevant sources. Where possible, avoid using quotes by instead summarizing or paraphrasing study results and other information. You may use any of the course materials in addition to outside research.
* Accurate APA citations throughout, both in-text and in the References page, for all sources used.

**Form Requirements**:

* Appropriate grammar, spelling, and syntax for a formal academic essay
  + Remember: academic writing should be straightforward and use active voice throughout.
* Minimum 5-7 full pages of writing. This does not include the title page or references page.
* Follow all APA formatting requirements, including title page, font, headers, margins, etc.

**Topic:**

* Expand one of your Position Papers into a longer, more thorough essay.

**Grading**:

* The final paper will be graded holistically using a rubric, based on how well you adhere to each of the content and form requirements.

**Due Dates:**

* First Draft: submit your **complete** first draft prior to your individual conference in Module 6. Note: “complete” doesn’t have to mean “perfect”! It just has to mean that you have a full 5 pages of developed material.
* Final Draft: due at the end of Module 7. Please see the syllabus for exact due dates.