

GBA 231—Term Paper Requirements and Grading Rubric

Review all materials in Chapter 52 along with The National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care’s report “Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care.” In the report, review the following domains:

- Domain 3-Psychological Aspects of Care
- Domain 4-Social Aspects of Care
- Domain 5-Spiritual Aspects of Care
- Domain 6-Cultural Aspects of Care
- Domain 8-Ethical and Legal Aspects of Care

After completing your reading, along with any other sources, if any, of your choosing, address and support your particular position/view on the following specific issues, and, specifically, how you would apply the Saint Leo University core values of community, respect, and integrity into your actions. Be sure to use proper APA format for citations.

1. What are the potential foreseeable financial, psychological, and medical, yet unintended, harmful consequences to one’s family and friends in failing to provide a properly executed will and living will prior to one’s final illness and death?
2. What are the fundamental distinctions between recuperative medical care and palliative care? Who should be included in the decision to modify care from recuperative to palliative? When, if ever, is the right to refuse any and all medical care appropriate when such virtually ensures the death of the patient?
3. What professionals, medical or otherwise, should be involved in advising decisions concerning end-of-life wishes? How does euthanasia differ from a simple cessation of treatment? Who should make end of life decisions for those who are without a family member to take on such a role?
4. What measures can be taken to ensure the quality of ongoing family and social relationships, individually and as a group, to end-of-life patients? What pitfalls are to be avoided in ensuring maintenance of these relationships? What actions may be taken to ensure the spiritual and existential dimensions of the process are respected and integrated?

You must submit this assignment as a word document to the appropriate course Dropbox **no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT**. (This Dropbox basket is linked to Turnitin.)

Grading Rubric

Element	Scoring Ratings				
	Exceptional (exceeds expectations; performance is outstanding)	Proficient (meets expectations; performance is satisfactory)	Basic (works towards meeting expectations; performance needs improvement)	Insufficient (does not meet expectations; performance is substandard)	Missing (Criterion is missing or not in evidence)
Practical necessity of the Will and Living Will	24-25 Points	20-23 Points	18-19 Points	1-17 Points	0 Points
Recuperative/Palliative Care The Right to Cease All Care	24-25 Points	20-23 Points	18-19 Points	1-17 Points	0 Points
Active/Passive Euthanasia	24-25 Points	20-23 Points	18-19 Points	1-17 Points	0 Points
Addressing Social/Family Needs and Spiritual/Existential Needs	24-25 Points	20-23 Points	18-19 Points	1-17 Points	0 Points