Sociological Application Essay: Sociology and My Career

(100 points)

The research projects you complete throughout the semester will culminate in a final essay based on the topic you choose for Research Project #1, you will write a final essay exploring the roles of sociology in your chosen field of employment. Students will need to incorporate outside research as well as their own understanding of sociology. The final paper will require the following:

• 5 to 7 pages of text (not including references or title page)
• APA-style references
• APA formatting including a title page and a running header
  o You are NOT required to include an author’s biography or an abstract
• At least 5 sources
  o One must be an academic article
  o One must be a book (either a physical book or an ebook)
  o One can be the textbook for the class (this will NOT count as the required book listed above)
  o All sources must be credible, relevant, and current

The paper must incorporate sociological theory into your analysis. For example, how would structural functionalism view the sociological role of your institution in society? How would conflict theory view your field as it relates to society?

An outline and bibliography for this essay is due via Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 19. The instructor will have these graded and returned to you by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 to allow you enough time to consider his suggestions and make any necessary changes to your essay before submitting it.

Example of a paper topic:
If you are planning to become a nurse, then your paper should look at one of the following:
• Sociology of health care
• The role of sociology in the field of nursing
• The role of sociology in the field of medicine
• The sociology of hospitals or other health care facilities

*Make sure to draw your own connections and conclusions. You have been in this class for a semester, so how do you think this will affect your understanding of your career. What is the relationship between the material we covered in class and your chosen field of study?

This essay is due via Blackboard by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 26.