

8th Annual Dr. Frank T. Peak Essay Competition

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The Mission

The Dr. Frank T. Peak Health Disparities Essay Competition recognizes outstanding graduate student research and scholarship that analyzes the intersections of public health, health care, and social sciences in order to promote health equity for ethnic/racial minorities and other populations with disadvantages.

Essay Topic options (write on one topic):

1. **Intersection of diabetes and technology, with a health equity and health disparities focus.**
 - a. Discuss health equity issues in using technology for diabetes management. (For example, would enhanced technology improve or worsen health disparities, such as for United States populations with disadvantage.) Summarize key/core access issues and solutions for different populations.
2. **Telemedicine for diabetes management in rural communities.**
 - a. Discuss the use of telemedicine in the management of diabetes in rural communities and the impact on health outcomes, including patient and family satisfaction, health equity, and health disparity aspects. Optionally, also include health policy issues and/or potential impacts on other chronic conditions.
3. **Advancement in diabetes care using an interprofessional approach.**
 - a. Discuss challenges and issues in team approaches, adding patient and family factors, with a health equity and health disparities focus.

Important Dates

Manuscript Submission Due Date:

March 17, 2025 11:59pm

Award Notification Date:

April 3, 2025



**Center for Promoting
Health and Health Equity**

Who was Dr. Frank T. Peak?



Dr. Frank T. Peak was a highly regarded Omaha community member dedicated to positive change in underserved communities, primarily North Omaha. Dr. Peak spent his life serving to eliminate health disparities and build trust between institutions and the communities they serve. Dr. Peak exemplified great leadership and dedication to social justice through his early service as a member of the Omaha Chapter of the Black Panther Party and as a community liaison for Creighton University Medical Center to improve quality of life in Omaha's underserved communities.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the competition, a student must be currently enrolled in an accredited, academic graduate or professional program in the U.S. and be able to present their essay **via online** during the 2025 Addressing Health Disparities Seminar on **April 26, 2025** in Omaha, Nebraska. The student must be the manuscript author. The paper must not be published, accepted, or under consideration for publication at the time of submission.

PRIZES

1st Place: \$1000, online presentation at the 2025 Addressing Health Disparities Seminar on Saturday, **April 26 2025**. An abstract will be published in the seminar proceedings.

2nd Place: \$500, an abstract will be published in the seminar proceedings.

3rd Place: \$250, an abstract will be published in the seminar proceedings.

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[Center for Promoting Health and Health Equity](#)

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Essay/Manuscript Instructions

Essay Instructions and Strategy

Authors should follow the American Psychological Association (7th edition) [guidelines](#) throughout the essay. Details are as follows:

- Length should be 2,000–2,500 words, excluding title, abstract and references
- Use 1-inch margins
- The document should be double spaced and left justified
- Make the cover page a separate document with:
 - Essay title
 - Word count
 - Full author contact information (email, phone number, mailing address)
 - Institutional affiliation
 - Degree program
 - Degree candidacy
 - Program director with contact information
- The essay should be a separate document that is:
 - **De-identified**
 - Organized in the following format:
 - Title and abstract (page 1)
 - Body of essay (all sections labeled except introduction)
 - ~10% Introduction, including essay purpose and strategy
 - ~20% Literature review and critical analysis
 - ~50% Discussion with core recommendations and reasoned defense
 - ~15% Objections or counterarguments with responses
 - ~5% Conclusion (restates purpose, summarizes key points, optionally suggests needs for future work)

All manuscripts must be received by the CPHHE via submission at https://blueq.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bC0ViitNzh1I5E by 11:59 p.m. CST **March 17, 2025**

Only complete submissions that meet eligibility requirements and essay instructions, which are received by **March 17, 2025** will be considered.

Notification of results: **April 3, 2025**

Review Criteria

Manuscripts are reviewed without author or institutional identification. The text should omit identifying information or obvious clues. All submissions will be reviewed anonymously by an independent panel on the basis of the following:

- Content relevance, significance, and development; organization and how well the structure meets criteria; clarity, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

Questions? Contact:

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