MGT 682: Professional Development Assignment

To fulfill the requirements for MGT 682, you must attend 3 ACHE events prior to your graduation. Prior to attending your first event, you must have completed at least one of the 3 healthcare concentration courses (MPH 663, 664, or 668). You must write a reflection paper after attending EACH event, for a total of three papers.

Assignment description: As you listen to the event speakers, select one statement (one idea/concept) from one speaker that you found interesting. You should clearly state the idea from the speaker that you are writing about in the beginning of the paper, as well as his/her name and position/title.

Do you agree or disagree with your selected statement(s)? Why? Support your analysis with concepts you have learned in your MPH concentration courses as well as any relevant professional experience in the healthcare industry that you may have. If you are new to the industry and have no relevant work experience, just support your analysis with knowledge acquired from your MPH concentration courses. The purpose of this assignment is to make connections between the presentation and your knowledge gained from your coursework and work experience. Identified connections should be explained- not just stated.

Paper guidelines:

Due Date: This paper must be turned in no later than 2 weeks from the date of the event you attended. For every day that the paper is late, one point will be deducted from your score.

Proof of attendance: You must attach proof of your attendance at the event. A copy of your registration IS NOT sufficient. Acceptable forms of proof are an event program or certificate of attendance that you receive. A student will receive no credit for the paper unless such proof is provided.

Length: Between 2 and 3 pages; 11 point font, conventional margins

This paper should be well written and free of grammatical errors. The paper must include both an introduction and a conclusion. Your introduction should include the following information: name and date of the event you attended; name/title of the speaker whose statement/concept you are analyzing. The introduction should also inform the reader as to the content of the paper. The conclusion should summarize your most important points. There should be no new information introduced in the conclusion.

Refer to the attached rubric as you write your paper. To receive credit, the student must receive a score of at least 18 out of 25 possible points. If the student initially receives a grade of less than 18 points, the student will edit the paper until a score of 18 is earned.

Please be aware if the paper is turned in with grammatical errors so numerous that they make the paper difficult to follow, the paper will be returned without a grade and the student must make the necessary grammatical corrections before the paper will be fully reviewed and graded. The completed paper should be a document that you can provide as a writing sample to a prospective employer.