

## FINAL PROJECT

### PSY 218 – Health Psychology

#### Objectives and Tasks

This project is designed to encourage you to broaden your thinking about the future by examining and exploring the future of health, illness, and the health care system. You will work in small groups to complete this project. The following four (4) topics will be used to create groups for the final project.

1. Future and the health care system
2. Future and conception and birth
3. Future and conditions, illnesses, and diseases
4. Future and technology

You will explore with your group members possible advances society will experience in relation to your chosen topic, and the ethical implications of these advances. There will be some overlap in the information covered among groups. Based on these discussions, each group will create a presentation for the class which will share the ideas developed by the group. You will be given a limited amount of class time to work with your groups to prepare for your final presentation. Any additional group time you wish to spend must be done on your own and worked out with the other members of your group.

#### Outcomes, Formats, and Point Values

Two specific outcomes are required for this project, which is worth a maximum of **50 points**. First, each group will create a presentation to be made to the class. The presentation may be serious or humorous, and can use any format you wish (i.e., skit, parody, video, and so on). This presentation is limited only by your own imagination and creativity. If you need help to find resources for creating your presentations, just ask me and I will try to direct you to appropriate sources for you to obtain help. **The presentation portion is worth a maximum of 25 points, and each member of the group who participates will receive the same presentation grade.**

Second, each student must prepare a written paper which describes his/her opinions of what will happen in the future with respect to his/her chosen topic. Additionally, students must include the ethical implications of the future changes they discussed in their papers. In this paper you should feel free to state your personal opinions even if they differed from your group's opinions. To be acceptable, the paper is to be **typed, double-spaced**, and the pages **stapled** in the upper left-hand corner. **The paper is worth a maximum of 25 points** and each student will receive **his/her own individual grade for the paper**.

#### Due Dates

**Class presentations will take place on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

The final paper is due on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.