

Elder Abuse

Advanced, Liberal, 4 credits

Elder Abuse is considered to be an advanced level knowledge that is liberal. It represents higher level theory and concepts that human service workers have acquired through applied practice. Advanced level knowledge indicates that you are able to use terminology, concepts, and theory in an applied way. Elder Abuse is more often about why we do things (i.e., liberal) and not necessarily how we do things (i.e., non-liberal). At Empire State College, the Elder Abuse course is offered at the advanced level.

Please use the questions below to structure your PLA submission on the topic of Elder Abuse. Copy each question and respond directly below it. If you utilize an outside source, such as a website or a book, make sure to reference this in your response. The responses to the questions should be submitted in a Word document and uploaded in PLA Planner. In PLA Planner, you would list the topic as Elder Abuse, asking for 4 credits, and designate this as Advanced Level and Liberal.

Please note – responding to these questions is not a guarantee of credit. You will still be expected to speak with an evaluator and answer any supplemental questions that they may have. The evaluator would then make a credit determination.

Questions for Students to respond to

We suggest you save this document with your name and the title of the PLA (e.g., Smith Elder Abuse PLA) and answer beneath each question below.

Name:

ID:

PLA Title: Elder Abuse

Number of Credits Requested: 4

Type: Advanced, Liberal

1. Please briefly explain your experiences working with older adults.

2. Please list any trainings, workshops, or readings that you have done on this topic.

It is expected that you will use references to support your answers to each of the questions. Please make sure to cite appropriately within your responses.

3. Define what Elder Abuse is. Identify and describe at least three different types of elder abuse.

4. Analyze the issues that would put a person at risk for elder abuse. Make sure to include societal, family, and cultural issues that could contribute to elder abuse.

5. What are some warning signs of elder abuse?

6. What are some ethical considerations related to self-determination and capacity?

7. Compare and contrast the different types of prevention and interventions that are utilized for elder abuse.