You are required to complete a term paper for this course, in which you will apply the information you have covered throughout the course.

The term paper applies the Morrison and Furlong (2014) *Health Care Ethics, Critical Issues for the 21st Century* (3rd ed.) textbook to lead HCM 540 students through a process of health leadership competency, affective domain of learning, self-reflection, personal assessment, and professional development planning. The term paper is designed to facilitate the student to; comprehend, apply, analyze, evaluate, and create a better understanding of how to apply ethics when emerging ethical dilemmas arise and to articulate professional interests, strengths, and areas for further learning and development in preparation for managing and leading health care organizations in the future.

The term paper project milestone deadlines, by module, are as follows:

1. **Read and familiarize yourself with the term paper assignment guidelines by the conclusion of Module 1**

2. **Submit the term paper via the Dropbox (linked to Turnitin) no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT of Module 7.**

In preparation for your term paper, research and compare the cases of Quinlan, Cruzan, and Schiavo. During your research, you should read about patient self-determination, right to die, advance care planning, ethical issues in right to die cases, the moral significance of family decision making, and ethical issues concerning physician-assisted suicide. After you have completed these tasks, write a paper on:

*Death, Dying, and the Law in America.*

**What are the ethical dilemmas and legal considerations families and providers will be faced with? Do you think that these ethical dilemmas and legal considerations are more important than they were in the past?**

**What ethics issues related to death, medicine, and the family decision-making do you think will apply and be present as the patients experience the dying process today?**

Your paper must:

- be 8–10 pages in length
- be double-spaced
- use 1 inch margins left, right, top, and bottom
- use 12-point Times New Roman font

The cover sheet, table of contents, index, pictures, long quotations, or multiple quotations will not count toward the 8–10 page requirement. **APA format is required.**

**Summarization and/or Conclusions**

Write a thoughtful and detailed summarization and/or conclusion of your term paper showing how you compared and integrated the Saint Leo core values of *community, integrity, and excellence* into the selected topic.