



The Position Paper

A worked example for Nursing 394
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The thesis

- + Nursing organizations *should support* supervised injection sites.
- + Or
- + Nursing organizations *should not support* supervised injection.

Thesis statements

- + Specific
- + Manageable
- + Interesting

In favour

- + Nursing organizations *should support* supervised injection sites.
- + Because

Against

- + Nursing organizations *should not support* supervised injection.

Argument structure

Claim:

Stated reason:

Grounds/evidence

Argument structure

Unstated assumptions

+

Evidence supporting unstated assumption:

+

Rebuttal

Qualifiers

Organizing your paper