





RNBSN Program Option Chamberlain University College of Nursing

Purpose of this Tutorial

- Sixth Edition

 Publication

 Publication

 of the American Psychological Association
- To help you write using basic APA style to:
 - Paraphrase
 - Quote
 - Appropriately credit your sources within your paper
 - Appropriately list your references on the reference page



Getting Started...

- Carefully read the instructions, guidelines, and rubric for your assignment and discussions
- If provided, use the specific template for the assignment
- If writing a paper where no template is assigned, go to the Resources tab and click on Program Resources to download the APA Paper Template RNBSN
- All of these items have been created to make APA easier for you!



APA Basics for Writing Your Paper

- Why do we use APA?
- How are sources credited?
- Paraphrasing and quoting material
- Reference page example





Why Do We Use APA?

- To support ideas
- To give credit to the authors of the ideas
- To help the reader locate sources used in your paper
- To maintain academic integrity



How Do We Give Credit to the Authors When We Use Their Ideas?

- Citations
 - Paraphrasing is preferred
 - Quotations should be used minimally
 - Please do not copy and paste from sources into any assignment or discussion writing
- Reference Page
 - Includes complete information about each source used in your citations



How Do We Paraphrase and Cite?

Paraphrasing is using the author's ideas but putting them in your own words. No new ideas should be added- just put it in your own words and give credit to the author- you can do it!

Exact words from an article by authors Smith and Green:

The wound is infected. The skin surrounding the wound is red and pus is present.

Let's put it in our own words and give credit to the authors- both examples use correct APA style with proper punctuation. The choice is yours!

Example 1

The infected wound is surrounded by reddened skin. Pus is observed (Smith & Green, 2018).

Example 2

According to Smith and Green (2018), the infected wound is surrounded by reddened skin and pus is observed.

APA Publication Manual pages 170-172 and 177 for additional examples.



How Do We Cite a Quote?

Please note- Quotes should be used minimally in scholarly writing.

Here are the exact words from an article by authors Smith and Green:

The wound is infected. The skin surrounding the wound is red and pus is present.

There are two styles in which to cite the author's **exact** words:

Example #1

"The wound is infected. The skin surrounding the wound is red and pus is present" (Smith & Green, 2018, p. 54).

Example #2

According to Smith and Green (2018), "the wound is infected. The skin surrounding the wound is red and pus is present" (p. 54).

APA Publication Manual pages 170-172 and 177 for additional examples.



Reference Page

- Use the template provided in your assignment guidelines- the reference page is formatted for you!
- References are in alphabetical order based on first author of each source
- Do NOT alphabetize the authors within a single source. If the article was written by Smith and Green, do not alphabetize to make it Green and Smith!
- Examples begin on page 198 in the APA Publication Manual
- See the example on the next slide



Example of a Reference Page

WOUND CARE 5

References

Martinez, J. M., Carter, J. J., & Allen, R. R. (2019). Preventing infection: The nurse's role.

Nursing Care of Wounds, 101(15), 95-101.

Smith, A. R., & Green, S. J. (2018). Wound infection: Signs and symptoms. Journal of

Wound Nursing, 24(3), 52-58.



Now YOU Can Do This!

- We've shown you some simple steps to use to properly credit the ideas of others:
 - Paraphrasing and Citing
 - Quoting and Citing
 - References
- Remember that any idea that is not entirely your own needs to be credited (cited) and referenced
- You have the tools to maintain academic integrity and avoid plagiarism!





Questions?

Contact your Instructor