APA CITATION BASICS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

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WHAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT

• APA in-text citation basics
• APA reference page basics
• Pulling citations from library databases and Google Scholar
• Citation help resources
WHEN DO I HAVE TO CITE?

Two places in your paper:

1. In the paragraph where you are quoting or paraphrasing. This is called a Parenthetical Citation because you will put brief information about the work in parentheses.

2. In the References page at the end of the paper. This is where you put all of the information needed to find a copy of the work you used in your paper.
APA IN-TEXT CITATION BASICS

Basic Format:
Author's last name, year of publication, page numbers
(Chapman, 2016, p. 125)

Example of a direct quote:
The article goes on to say that “People don’t do derby just for exercise but usually because it becomes a part of who they are” (Fagundes, 2012, p.1098).

Alternate Format:
Use the author’s name in the sentence, followed directly by the year in parentheses, with the page numbers in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

Fagundes (2012) believes that roller derby gives participants "a chance to feel like a superstar" (p. 1098).
APA IN-TEXT CITATION BASICS:
WHAT IF THERE ARE NO PAGE NUMBERS?

Including paragraph numbers when there are no page numbers

Some instructors at NWTC have indicated that they do NOT want students to count paragraphs.

If an instructor does want you to follow the strict APA rules:
"... you can include any of the following in the text to cite the quotation" (APA Manual)

• A paragraph number, if provided; alternatively, you could count paragraphs down from the beginning of the document.
• An overarching heading plus a paragraph number within that section.
• A short title in quotation marks, in cases in which the heading is too unwieldy to cite in full.

Examples:
(Basu & Jones, 2007, para. 4)
(Basu & Jones, 2007, "Stalking," para. 3)
(Basu & Jones, 2007, "Cyberspace Sociality – Space and Community")
APA IN-TEXT CITATION BASICS: WHAT IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR OR NO AUTHOR?

Two authors

Name both authors in the signal phrase or in the parentheses.

Use **and** between the authors' names within the text and use the **&** in the parentheses.

Don't forget the year of publication and page numbers (if there are any).

Examples:

Bricco and Chapman (2016) believe libraries are cool (p.52).
The authors believe libraries are cool (Bricco & Chapman, 2016, p. 52).
APA IN-TEXT CITATION BASICS:
WHAT IF THERE IS **MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR OR NO AUTHOR**?

Three to five authors

List all the authors in the signal phrase or in parentheses the first time you cite the source.

Use the word and between the authors' names within the text and use the & in the parentheses.

Don't forget the year of publication and page numbers (if there are any).

(Emerson, Lake, & Palmer, 1993)

In subsequent citations, only use the first author's last name followed by "et al."

(Emerson et al., 1993)
APA IN-TEXT CITATION BASICS:
WHAT IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR OR NO AUTHOR?

**Six or more authors**

Use the first author's name followed by et al.

(Reagan et al., 2008)

**No author**

If no author is listed, use the first word or two of the title in quotation marks.

For example, if you had a source with the title Practical oral care for people with intellectual disability, the parenthetical citation would look like ("Practical oral," 2014).
Title the page References

**Author names:** Last name, First initial, Middle initial.
Chapman, J.M.

**Date:** Second component in the citation.

**Book titles:** Capitalize first word in the title and sub-title (as well as proper nouns)
*Nursing ethics: Concepts, trends and practices*

**Journal titles:**
*Critical Care Nurse*

**Article titles:**
Factors influencing physicians' screening behavior for liver cancer among high-risk patients.
Click on the title of the article:

13. **Performance enhancement: Superhuman athletes.**

and look for the Tools column on the right side of the page.
Email the article and the citation

Copy the citation and paste it into Word
Performance-enhancing substances in sports: a review of the literature
A. Momaya, M. Fawal, R. Estes - Sports Medicine, 2015 - Springer

... 1. Botre, F. Pavan A. Enhancement drugs and the athlete... Clin Sports Med. 4. Mitchell G. Report to the Commissioner of Baseball of an independent investigation into the illegal use of steroids and other performance enhancing substances by players in Major League Baseball ...

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