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Nursing Writing Guide

Nursing Writing Expectations:

The CSUCI Nursing Program believes writing to be integral to the synthesis and expression of knowledge, which in turn demonstrates one understands nursing as a discipline. Communication is essential within nursing and in collaborating with patients, families, and inter-professionals. Therefore, the ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in written form, is essential to the development of a professional nurse.

Types of Writing Assignments:

A student in the Nursing Program may encounter the following types of writing:

- Care Plan
- Case Study
- Discussion Board
- Electronic Medical Record Documentation
- Multimedia Presentation, e.g., Power Point, Prezi, wiki
- Reflection Journal
- Research Paper
- Research Poster
- Teaching Brochure or Plan

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American Psychological Association (APA) Style 7th edition

WMC APA Handout
https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/pdf/wmc-apa-handout-102419updateb.pdf

APA Quick Guide
https://apastyle.apa.org/

Assignment Guides

Nursing Care Plans *(see course rubric for further details)*

Prioritize the main interventions of care in relevance to the individual's needs. "A care plan is a written outline of care for an individual, family or community which reflects the nursing process."
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CSUCI Nursing Care Plan example
https://www.csuci.edu/writing-ci/guide/samples/documents/nursing-201.pdf

Nursing Presentations *(see course rubric for further details)*

Refrain from applying *too much text*. Preferably apply multiple photos, charts, diagrams, and graphics.

WMC Communication Guides
https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/communication-resources.htm

"Multimedia presentations may include formatting in Power point (Google and Microsoft), Prezi, Video, Wiki, YouTube *and more* as instructed by faculty. Text and visual material should be professional, clear and concise." Retrieved from https://www.csuci.edu/writing-ci/guide/nursing.htm

PICO(T) Statement *(see course rubric for further details)*

What is PICOT?
https://hpu.libguides.com/c.php?g=303393&p=2024600

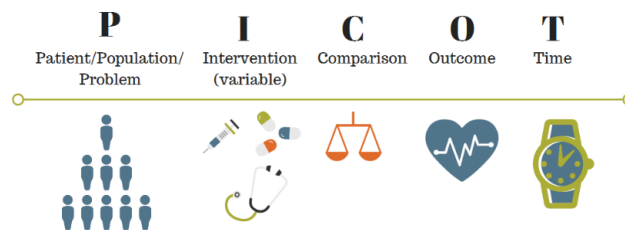| **P**	**I**	**C**	**O**	**T**
Patient/Population/ Problem	Intervention (variable)	Comparison	Outcome	Time

Photo retrieved from link above

- ✓ Create a visual table to compare/contrast listed studies
- ✓ Identify your thesis in relevance to nursing practice
- ✓ Literature Review includes:
    - ○ Goal of the study
    - ○ **P**opulation (sample size, ethnicity, group of topic, etc.)
    - ○ **I**ntervention(s)
    - ○ **C**omparison(s)
    - ○ **O**utcomes
    - ○ **T**ime frame
    - ○ Study limitation(s)
    - ○ Explain how study contributes to the field of nursing and/or related to nursing practice

WMC Introduction to Literature Review
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lv4NiIxU8Tvnf2vKdeKe8ArhiWsMDXB8/view

Helpful Tips for Writing A Literature Review
https://www.csuci.edu/cis/CIS_Science_Writing_Pilot/helpful-steps.pdf

- ✓ In the conclusion section, describe the contribution to current evidence-based practice and recommendations based on limitations previously mentioned in literature review

Nursing and Healthcare Policy Paper *(see course rubric for further details)*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Policy Analysis
https://www.cdc.gov/policy/polaris/policyprocess/policy_analysis.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Policy Analysis Worksheet(s)
https://www.cdc.gov/policy/analysis/process/docs/table1.pdf
https://www.cdc.gov/policy/analysis/process/docs/table2.pdf

Nursing Resume and Cover Letter *(see course rubric for further details)*

Career Development and Alumni Engagement
https://www.csuci.edu/careerdevelopment/services/resume-resources.htm

Nursing resume example
https://www.csuci.edu/careerdevelopment/services/nursing.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: **How do I set up my student paper in APA?**
A: See page 61 "Sample Student Paper" in APA 7th edition manual and see APA Quick Guide link
https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/paper-format/title-page

Q: **How do I write numbers in APA?**
A: See page 179 section 6.33 "Numbers Expressed in Words" in APA 7th edition manual and see APA Quick Guide link https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/numbers/words

Q: **Do I capitalize this disease in APA?**
A: See page 166 section 6.16 "Diseases, Disorders, Therapies, Theories, and Related Terms" in APA 7th edition manual and see APA Quick Guide link https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/capitalization/diseases-disorders-therapies

Q: **How do I abbreviate in APA?**
A: See page 172 section 6.24 "Use of Abbreviations" and 6.25 "Definitions of Abbreviations" in APA 7th edition manual and see APA Quick Guide link https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/abbreviations/definition

Q: **How do I cite pharmacological products in APA?**
A: See page 329 section 10.4 "Reports and Gray Literature" in APA 7th edition manual and APA Quick Guide link then scroll to "Webpage on a Website" https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples#webpage

Q: **How do I include the hospital policy to my paper in APA?**
A: Place the visual of the hospital policy to the Appendix as Figure(s). Be sure to refer to the Figure as needed. See page 196 section 7.2 "Design and Preparation of Tables and Figures" and page 197 section 7.5 "Referring to Tables and Figures in the Text" in APA 7th edition manual.

Q: **How do I work on my thesis in my nursing paper?**
A: Visit our WMC website writing resources under "Developing a thesis"
https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/student-resources.htm
We recommend scheduling an appointment with a tutor to further discuss your unique arguments to narrow the thesis for the assignment(s). To make an appointment, please visit our WMC website
https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/appointment.htm

Q: **How do I set up an appointment with the Sound Booth for my presentation recording(s)?**
A: We recommend contacting our WMC front desk to specifically reserve an appointment time in the Sound Booth for your assignment(s). To make an appointment, please visit our WMC website
https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/appointment.htm

Q: **How do I find nursing journal articles?**
A: We recommend contacting a librarian for help in finding research for assignment(s). Please visit the CSUCI library website https://library.csuci.edu/services/ask-librarian.htm

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