Health Sciences Research Orientation

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Types of Articles

1.01 Empirical Studies=original research
These articles typically have sections labeled introduction, method, results, discussion, etc.

1.02 Literature Reviews=critical evaluations of published material
These articles typically have sections that define & clarify the problem, summarize previous investigations, identify relations, contradictions and inconsistencies in the literature, and suggest the next step in solving the problem. (This is generally the type of paper you are writing for your class. Notice how the content in organized and discussed.)

1.03 Case Studies=reports generated while working with an individual, group, community or organization.

1.04 Other types of articles
These include (but are not limited to)
- Brief reports-usually one or two paragraphs long
- Commentary about other articles-discussion about other’s work
- Book reviews
- Texts=Book chapters, textbooks, reference books like dictionaries or other professional healthcare sources
- Continuing Education-explain a topic to help professionals expand knowledge
- Websites-usually written by an organization and designed to educate the public. (Websites may include any of the above types of articles.)

Be sure you are using the appropriate type of article for your assignment!
Advanced Searching in CINAHL
Tips for APA Writing Style

• No first or second person-only third person. Do NOT use: I, me, my, mine, we, our, you or your

• Do NOT use contractions.

• Do NOT use acronyms until you have defined them. Do not introduce them unless you will use them multiple times in the paper.

• Keep sentence structure short and direct.

• Use only active voice, not passive voice. The doctor administered the medication. NOT The medication was administered by the doctor.

• Do NOT use anthropomorphization. Do not give non-human things the abilities of humans. Do not use: The books/article/website says…

• Do NOT refer to sources by format or title, only by author and date.

• Avoid redundancy. Be clear and concise.

• Do not confuse summary with conclusion. A summary is a restatement of what was said. A conclusion is a presentation of new information based on what was said.

• Pronouns-overuse of pronouns can be confusing. Eliminate ambiguity. Be sure your pronouns match. Patient is singular; they is plural. Do not switch back and forth.

• Jargon-do NOT use technical jargon where it is not relevant.

• Colloquial expressions-keep writing professional at all times.
Using Microsoft Word to Format Papers

Title Page:
1. Insert tab, Header & Footer section, Page Number option, Top of Page, Left
2. Design tab, Options section, Different first page check box
3. Repeat first step
4. Place your cursor left of your page number and type: Running head: TITLE OF PAPER, tab twice
5. Double click in the center of your page to get your cursor out of the Header field
6. Type your title information, making sure to center the text horizontally, and center it vertically in the top half of the page
7. Click Ctrl Enter to move to the next page

First page of paper:
1. Double click in the Header field
2. Place your cursor left of your page number
3. Type your title in all caps, tab twice
4. Double click in the center of your page to get your cursor out of the Header field
5. Type your title again, only capitalizing the main words, center horizontally
6. Tab to indent your paragraph and type your paper
7. When you have completed the paper, use Ctrl Enter to create the References page

References
1. Type References at the top of the page, center horizontally
2. Type your sources, or copy and paste them from the databases
3. Select all of your references
4. Home tab, Paragraph section, tiny box with arrows in lower right part of section
5. Indentation, Special, Hanging, OK
6. Home tab, Paragraph section, AZ↓

Formatting text and spacing
1. Home tab, Editing section, Select All Objects
2. Home tab, Paragraph section, tiny arrow in lower right
3. Spacing Before, set to 0; Spacing After set to 0
4. Line Spacing, double, OK
5. Home tab, Editing section, Select All
6. Home tab, Font section, Times New Roman, 12 point