APA Style Guide for Nursing Assignments

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Why use APA style?

* Credits the originator of ideas, words, and works you used in your research

* The APA style reference list allows the sources used in a research paper or in preparing a care plan to be checked
Citing your source in your care plan
You should add page numbers to your citation like this (Doenges, 2017, p. 32-33).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Nursing diagnosis</th>
<th>Goals</th>
<th>Interventions</th>
<th>Rationales</th>
<th>Evaluation</th>
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<tr>
<td>NANDA TERMINOLOGY ONLY</td>
<td>LONG TERM GOALS: Relevant to diagnosis if yes then:</td>
<td>Interventions will start with “the nurse will”</td>
<td>Rationales are relevant to patient's condition and the selected interventions. If yes then:</td>
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<td>Etiology is relevant &amp; not another nursing diagnosis</td>
<td>Specific</td>
<td>Specify who will perform the action</td>
<td>Give specific textbook and page number for each intervention (Doenges, 2017, p. 32-33 &amp; 46-48).</td>
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<td>If etiology is a medical diagnosis, was that the most effective wording</td>
<td>Measurable</td>
<td>Specify when it should be performed</td>
<td>Attach a reference page with complete APA style citation for all books used in the care plan.</td>
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<td>SUBJECTIVE DATA</td>
<td>Achievable</td>
<td>Specify how or by what method</td>
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<td>Relevant &amp; timely &amp; quoted from patient</td>
<td>Realistic</td>
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<td>EVALUATION OF INTERVENTIONS:</td>
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<td>OBJECTIVE DATA</td>
<td>Has a specific time frame</td>
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<td>• Evaluates each intervention relating it to the rationale and is relevant to the topic, if yes then:</td>
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<td>Assessment includes vital signs physical examinations findings, age, gender, current surgical problems, interventions as appropriate, timely &amp; relevant.</td>
<td>Start with “the patient will”</td>
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<td>• Begins each statement with a “charting” comment stating:</td>
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<td>Diagnostic tests &amp; procedures as relevant &amp; appropriate</td>
<td>SHORT TERM GOALS: Relevant to diagnosis, if yes then:</td>
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<td>• Who did what,</td>
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<td>Chart data include meds</td>
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<td>• The patients responses to the intervention (was it effective).</td>
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<td>• How student knows it was effective</td>
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<td>• Actual values when appropriate</td>
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<td>Summary evaluation of goals: Summary statement of each goal stating:</td>
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<td>Start with “the patient will”</td>
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<td>• Lines up and numbers each intervention rationale, &amp; evaluation.</td>
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REASSESSMENT CRITERIA: The reassessment should:
- Relate to measuring achievement of the goals, if yes then:
- Relate to objective data
- Specify exactly what will be assessed and by what method (unless obvious)
- Specify how often!

INDEPENDENT ACTIONS NEED TO:
- Relate to the etiology portion of diagnosis, if yes then:
- Interventions will start with “the nurse will”
- Specify who will perform the action
- Specify when it should be performed
- Specify how or by what method

DEPENDENT ACTIONS
- Relate to the etiology portion of diagnosis if yes then:
Your care plan might look more like this, cite the books inside the box with your interventions and rationales.

References


Individual citations for books used

Annotated Bibliography example


The seven metaphors helped women express what they could not completely capture using only medical jargon and provide valuable insight for clinicians. Using secondary qualitative data analysis to mine for any metaphors in a primary data set gives researchers another valuable and creative opportunity to discover new knowledge from the data they had previously collected.
This is a journal result in Ebsco, now you have to cite it APA style

Click here to print the APA style citation
Choose APA from the drop-down menu and then click print
Here is the APA citation, you can copy and paste it into a word doc to begin your Annotated bibliography.
APA style papers and annotated bibliography essentials

* Citation should have a hanging indent of half an inch. (approx 6 spaces)
* Double space everything
* 12 point Times New Roman font
* *Italicize* book title *Nursing concept care maps for safe patient care* and capitalize only first word of the title and the first word of a subtitle after a colon:
* **No bolding**, NO ALL CAPS, **no underlining**
* List of sources is called “References” centered above citation/s

Capitalize first letter of each word of a journal i.e. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*

Example of journal article

“The Publication of the American Psychological Association” 6th ed., is the “bible” for all things APA, and if you are the type of person who likes to “go deep” then we have copies of that book for loan in the library.
Diana Hacker’s pocket style manual is a good alternative to the full APA book. We also have “APA Made Easy”.
References


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