Return to Practice

Library literature searching class for NUS518 & NUS519
Academic Writing
The Basics

Using ideas from other texts and citing other people’s work is a central part of academic writing.

By citing previous research you can incorporate information from other studies in your own discussion of the topic and support your own argumentation with ideas and information drawn from these studies.

When you use information from other people’s work, you must always indicate the source. Using other people’s ideas without acknowledging them is plagiarism.
Proactive COVID-19 infection prevention measures

Journal of Global Health

CINAHL Complete
Ulster Harvard LHS
Referencing style

• Academic writing requires the use of citations to signpost where you found your information.

• In Ulster Harvard LHS this is a two-part process

• Firstly an in-text citation is required and then, a corresponding reference should be formatted in LHS Ulster Harvard style, in a reference list at the end of your assignment
A recent study shows a correlation between engagement with the academic library's support and retention (Delaney 2020). According to Atkinson (2020), this correlation is fundamental to development of Library Strategy. The key recommendations include aligning Library opening hours to accommodate user timetables. These recommendations were further examined by the User Services Team (Campbell 2017). Campbell (2017) proposes that extended hours during key academic dates, such as exam time, would increase footfall and alleviate research stress. McCoo and McGill (2019) further suggest that twenty-four-hour access to Library buildings and resources would align Library services to institutional priorities.

References:

Preparation for discharge to the ward

Providing a patient for ICU discharge should include the gradual withdrawal of observation and monitoring of well interventions, such as physical therapy and education, and daily care routines (Biggerstaff et al. 2018). Findings of an observational study of critical care from the ICU discharge day (Biggerstaff et al. 2018) also highlight the importance of having an identified discharge coordinator. Early discharge planning within the discharge process Discharge nurses should consult the multidisciplinary team to coordinate the discharge process by undertaking pre-transfer assessments and involving the patient and family members. Discharge nurses should also ensure that patients and their families are well prepared and supported during the transition to the ward.

Box 7.1 Recommended CCU discharge/handover information

- Ensure the patient is ready for discharge
- Provide education and support
- Coordinate with the multidisciplinary team

Effective support after discharge

An increasing awareness of the challenges faced by healthcare professionals and their relatives during and after discharge from the CCU has led to a range of services improvement in the UK (Black et al. 2016). Critical care outreach services for critically ill patients have been introduced in the UK, following a recommendation from the Department of Health (DH) 2006, to ensure care is delivered to all critically ill patients.
Elements of an in-text citation

• Brackets
• Author(s)
• Date
“Academic library support for Life and Health Sciences is fundamental to student retention, and for empowering students with the graduate skills necessary for work”.
There are lots of different ways to cite this work:

- Delaney (2020) believes that the Library is critical in supporting students.
- According to Delaney (2020) the Library is crucial in helping students gain graduate skills.
- Library support is essential for LHS students, according to a recent study by Delaney (2020).
- The Library is critical for supporting students (Delaney 2020).
- The Library is crucial in helping students gain graduate skills (Delaney 2020), and support is essential for LHS students.
Tops Tips!

• Both author-focused & information-focused are correct ways to cite
• Effective paraphrasing requires keeping the original meaning in your own words
• Using a combination of both types of in text citation can help vary your writing
According to the World Health Organisation (2019) there will be a pandemic.....
RefWorks - Ulster University supported

• RefWorks is bibliographic citation software
• It will organise, archive and format all your references
• It will produce a formatted reference list for your assignments
• You can import references directly from many of the Library databases
Literature search for – Infection Control
What is a literature search?

• A literature search is a well thought out and organised search for all the literature published on a topic. It will keep your search focused.

• A well-structured literature search is the most effective and efficient way to locate sound evidence on the subject you are researching.

• Evidence may be found in books, journals, government documents and the internet. However all literature that you retrieve should be critically appraised in order to determine its quality and relevance to your search.
Why do we use databases?

Never Google

• It is important to look for research in peer-reviewed journals. This means that the articles published have passed through peer critiquing before they are accepted for publication.

• This ensures that the articles have had some quality control.

• Our databases hold the most credible, scholarly and timely material on your topic.

• However, databases use unique searching tools that we need to be aware of.
Plan before you search

Search Strategy

• When searching the databases it is important to remember that the database will only search what you ask it to search

• What are the key concepts in your topic question?

• The same topic may be referred to/described by an author in more than one way e.g. hypertension is also called high blood pressure; bed sore can be called a decubitus ulcer

• Think about author terminology- consider synonyms, plurals, different spellings and abbreviations orthopaedics/orthopedics; tumour/tumor
Identify concepts, synonyms etc.

- For each concept try and produce a comprehensive list of other keywords that might describe your concepts.
- This helps to make a comprehensive search and helps the database to include all the different ways that your concept might be described (Author terminology).
Synonyms
For Example

Infection control AND COVID-19

Infection prevention
Infection prevention and control
IPC
Management of infection
Control of infection
Infection protection
Infection management

COVID
COVID-19
2019-ncov
Coronavirus
Respiratory infections
Virus diseases
Respiratory infectious diseases
A concept table

- A concept table can be a good way to map out your search terms
- You can find a template in your subject guide
Combining search terms: OR

Use OR to add alternative ways of describing each search concept.

Use OR for terms that are similar

e.g. “Infection prevention” OR “Infection management”- They are not always the same, but they are similar concepts and will return a comprehensive search of papers

This will **INCREASE** the number of results
Combining search terms: AND

Use AND to include ALL your search terms in your results.

Use AND for terms that are different

e.g. IPC AND Coronavirus

They combine our concepts, and will return papers that have content on all our concepts

This will REDUCE the number of results
Using truncation

Use an asterisk * to find words which can have a different ending or plurals for words

e.g. Nurs* will find results containing

Nurse
Nurse’s
Nurses
Nurses’
Nursing
Nursing homes
Nursing interventions
Nursing care

Remember to check your subject guide for database variations in truncation
https://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/nursing/advsearch
Searching with Phrases

• Some databases will search for phrases when they are wrapped in quotation marks.
• We use this when we want the database to search for 2 or more words, where they are found together, in the order they are typed.
• For Example: “infection control” or “Control of infection”.
USearch
Access through the library website on the Portal

Welcome to USearch - one simple search for most of our journals & databases
For books & e-books please check the Library Catalogue

To view a video of this step click here
OR connector

Be as comprehensive as possible with search terminology, or your results will be very narrow in focus—you could miss out important papers
Use OR to widen results

Welcome to USearch - one simple search for most of our journals & databases
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Searching: Electronic journals and many library databases

"infection control" or "control of infection" or "infecti
AND covid-19 or coronavirus or 2019-ncov

Click here to view this step
Applying limiters

Usually we apply limiters to make the search more focused. Limiters reduce the search results to a specific date range, publication or language.
Accessing full text

Click on the "U Find it" button and follow the blue hyperlinks to access full text.

Click on the article title to view the abstract.

Click here to view this step.
Exporting to RefWorks
Select papers & add to folder
Select all & export
Export Manager
Direct export to RefWorks & Save

Save E-mail

Number of items to be saved: 3

- Remove these items from folder after saving

Save

Save citations to a file formatted for:

- Direct Export in RIS Format (e.g. CITAVI, EasyBib, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero)
- Direct Export to EndNote Web
- Generic bibliographic management software
- Citations in XML format
- Citations in BibTeX format
- Direct Export to RefWorks
- Direct Export to EasyBib
- Download CSV
Export to New Refworks

Click here to view this step
LHS Ulster
Harvard
Referencing Support
LHS Harvard referencing guidelines
Studiosity
The Writing Feedback Service

• Free of charge service
• 24-hour turnaround
• Multiple usage
• Ensure you specify Ulster LHS Harvard guidelines
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